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Towns tally flood damage

By ALISON ALOISIO

Public sector damage in Bethel from the Dec. 18 flooding has been estimated at a total of \$369,000, according to officials of the town and Bethel Water District.

The town estimates \$289,000 in damages, Town Manager Scott Cole said. In addition, the Bethel Water District estimated that floodwaters did \$80,000 worth of damage to its water treatment facility, according to BWD trustee John Head.

Cole said there was \$200,000 in damage done to a wastewater discharge pipe near Davis Park.

The 30-year-old, 12-inch pipe is surrounded by concrete that helps diffuse the wastewater before it reaches the river, according to Rob Gundersen, manager of the treatment plant.

The infrastructure is not visible from the riverbank, but Gundersen said he believes much of the concrete is gone.

Another estimated \$80,000 would be needed to fix erosion on the Androscoggin River bank at the park. Gundersen said a 200-foot stretch of the bank is eroded.

The town was advised on the work needed, and the estimate, by Peter Marcinuk of the Oxford County Soil and Water Conservation District, according to Cole.

Cole filed a report with the

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Speaking worldwide languages of war and peace

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In an old building in the woods of western Maine, the clocks on the wall give the time for Iraq, Afghanistan and Germany. A map plots out the world's hot spots for military action.

In each of those places, there's a translator dispatched by Worldwide Language Resources Inc., a company that provides translating services for the government. Based in Rumford, a town of 7,000 best known for its paper mill, the company also supports the local economy.

"We're trying to bring jobs to this dying mill town, and we're succeeding to some extent," said Larry Costa, who founded Worldwide in 1995 after spending two decades in the military. His service included an eight-year stint with the Army Special Forces, where he was a language training manager.

After Costa retired, he founded Worldwide, believing there was a market for military translators and language immersion programs. It's now one of several dozen private companies across the United States hired by the Department of Defense and other government agencies to provide translators around the globe.

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SAILORS TAKE CARE

Despite the old adage, Tuesday morning's fiery red sky was followed by a mild day, but high winds did arrive by evening. No storms or other weather makers appear headed our way to spoil the outdoor fun on New Year's weekend.

(Photo: M. Daniels)

The top local stories of 2003:

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Hits and misses on the economic front

Locally, 2003 produced mixed economic results.

On the recreational front, the area's big engine, Sunday River Ski Resort in Newry, managed to defy a strong national trend.

Skiers and riders turned up in record numbers at resorts nationally, in the Northeast, and at all but one of the resorts owned by Sunday River's parent company, the American Skiing Company.

Unfortunately, that one resort was Sunday River, where skier/snowboarder visits actually fell, by 4 percent.

The culprit, according to a Sunday River spokesperson, was snow, which fell heavily elsewhere but more sparsely here.

Many skiers and riders had come to associate Sunday River with high-quality man-made snow, but last season there was little need to journey here to find it.

In nearby Locke Mills, Mt. Abram Ski Area (which does not report skier visit numbers) had a strong season.

Skier visits drive local restaurant and lodging sales, and according to figures released by the Maine State Planning Office, restaurant and lodging sales for the Rumford Area were down slightly (as compared to the comparable period a year earlier) in both the fourth quarter of 2002 and the first quarter of 2003. (Note: The Rumford Area includes Bethel and Newry, as well as several other area towns. A town-level breakdown that includes the first quarter of 2003 will not be available until year-end figures are released next year. The Citizen will report the figures when they become available.)

Manufacturing
Back in Locke Mills things were also looking up off the hill.

State reaches deal to buy Frenchman's Hole

There was big news on the conservation front during 2003. It came in September, when the Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands announced the state was acquiring the 385-acre "Frenchman's Hole" parcel in Riley Township.

The acquisition followed years of negotiations between the state and landowner Roy Newton.

The parcel is a prize for outdoors lovers. Its signature feature, the Frenchman's Hole waterfall and swimming hole has delighted generations of local youngsters.

"Every kid who's grown up around here has grown up around Frenchman's Hole. It's a rite of passage — for better or worse," said John Laban, then president of the Mahoosuc Land Trust, in 2001.

The parcel also includes other waterfalls and pools carved from the granite bedrock, as well as extensive riparian zones and wildlife habitat.

The land — which Newton and his wife, Mary, had kept open to the public — is popular with cross-country skiers, hikers and mountain bikers, and, at high water in the spring, with kayakers.

The state agreed to pay \$375,000 for the parcel, with 55 percent of that coming from the Land for Maine's Future Board,

35 percent from the Maine Public Land Acquisition Fund, and 10 percent from the local Mahoosuc Lands Trust.

Over the years the parcel was on the market, the MLT worked hard to facilitate a deal between Newton and the state.

The organization is currently embarked on a campaign to raise its share of the purchase price.

The parcel will be managed by the Bureau of Parks and Lands, which also manages 30,000 adjacent acres of public lands, including Grafton Notch State Park and an ecological reserve immediately to the west of the Frenchman's Hole parcel.

Farms

The local land trust is also attempting to arrange some farm of deal for the 130-acre Ladd Farm in Mayville, which is on the market, in this case, for \$600,000.

Landon Fake, president of the MLT board, told the Bethel selectmen in August that the trust is interested in the property both as a working farm and as land that can be open to the public for recreational uses, including a possible riverside trail. (The farm has approximately one mile of frontage on the

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Towns rehabilitate the old, add new recreation

Towns tackled, or made plans to tackle, a number of municipal buildings and rehabbing projects during the past year. Some new recreational initiatives also moved a step closer to realization.

In some cases the work was undertaken in recognition of necessity — such as the new fire station currently under construction in Bethel, or the Alder Dam repair planned in Greenwood.

In other cases projects were launched in hopes of strengthening local communities for the future — for

example, the swimming pond and picnic area in Bethel, or the conversion of an old fire station to a community center in Woodstock.

In June, Bethel voters agreed to spend \$1.5 million to replace the current fire station, which virtually everyone agrees is undersized, outdated and tired.

The new station, being constructed behind the old, is expected to be ready for occupation (if not totally finished) by mid-April.

Bethel voters also agreed to spend \$150,000 to expand and

renovate the town ambulance barn, but it took two tries for the project to win approval.

The first, at Town Meeting in June, resulted in a 314-314 dead heat, one vote shy of the simple majority required for the measure to pass.

Town selectmen — convinced that some Town Meeting voters didn't totally understand the nature of the first vote — brought the project back for the November statewide referendum.

This time, with far more voters casting their ballots, the measure passed by a mar-

gin of well over three-to-one.

The project is expected to go to bid early in 2004.

Woodstock also dealt with fire stations old and new in the past year.

At Town Meeting in the spring, voters agreed to spend up to \$100,000 to add 3,375-square feet of new space to the town's current station.

That work is now well underway and the new space is expected to be ready for use in mid-February.

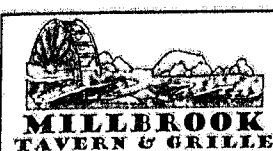
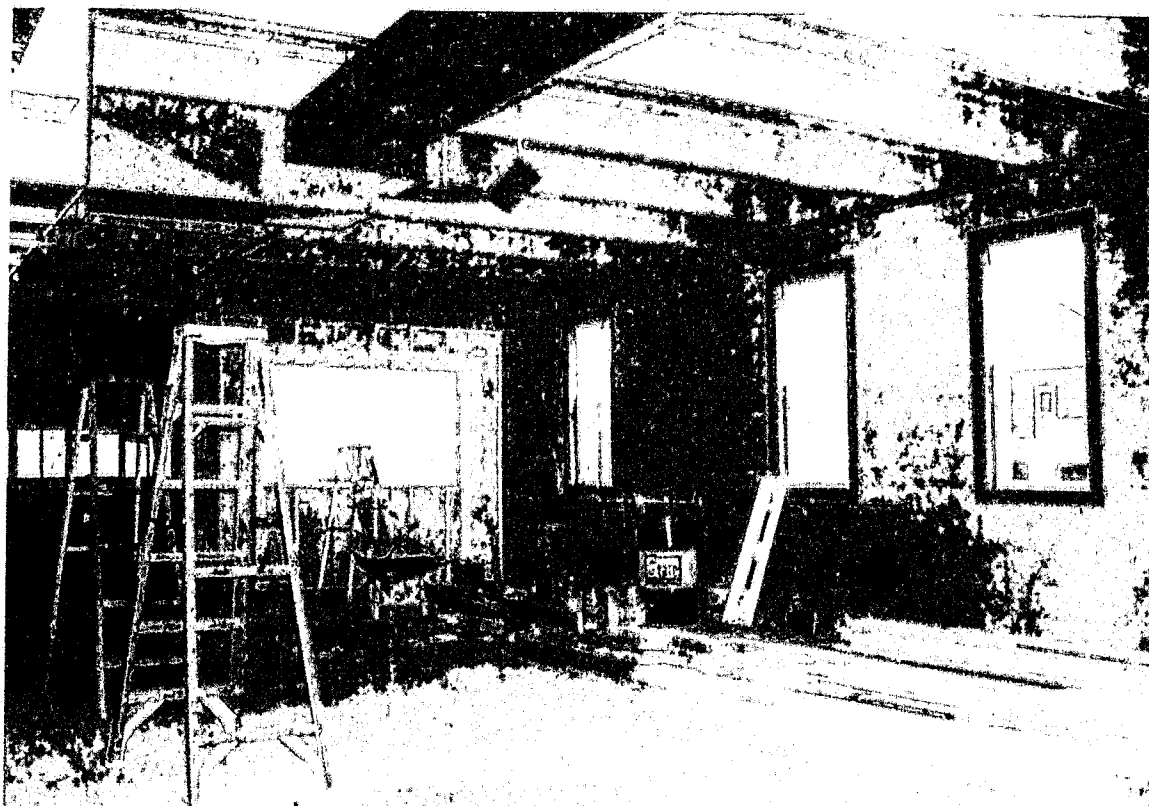
The town's old fire station,

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OLD STATION GETTING A NEW LIFE

Woodstock's old fire station, which has sat idle for more than a decade, will be playing a new role in the community by summer. Thanks to a \$20,000 donation from summer resident Phil Gut, and a lot of hard work by the Woodstock Recreation Committee and Boosters, the station is being renovated and converted into a recreational community activity center.

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Letters

BWD EXPRESSES GRATITUDE

To the Editor:

On Wednesday evening, Dec. 17, heavy rain flooded BWD's water treatment facility at Chapman Brook, suspending production of chlorinated drinking water for our customers. Very quickly, the district's staff assessed the situation and began monitoring the treated water in the system. Further, they initiated a public relations effort to inform the public, reassure our customers, and request help with water conservation measures, and they commenced efforts to restore BWD's operations.

The Bethel Police Department hand delivered conservation requests to our larger customers, including Gould Academy, SAD44 schools, the Bethel Inn, area motels, B&Bs, and restaurants. District staff posted additional notices in prominent locations in town. Without exception, everyone responded to the news with understanding and cooperation.

Beyond Bethel, the staffs of the Maine Public Utility Commission and the Maine Department of Human Services reacted positively, patiently and thoughtfully to our plight. Through the Maine Rural Water Association, several regional water districts offered assistance and the Mexico Water District came forward with back-up equipment that could tie us over until permanent repairs could be installed.

Treated water was flowing again through our mains within twenty-six hours of the shutdown, and as of Monday, Dec. 22, the district was back to normal. Yes, some major equipment repairs remain and we're still relying upon manual testing of treated water, twenty-four hours each day. Plans are running apace to complete all necessary repairs soon.

We have much for which to be grateful — including Mr. Bingham's foresight and generosity in purchasing the Chapman Brook watershed for water-quality protection and for financially supporting the construction of the Paradise Hill reservoir, which provided a welcome "safety net" of treated water for public consumption and fire protection.

We are indebted to our staff — Lucien Roberge, superintendent; Donnie Katlin, assistant superintendent; and Callie Colby, administrative assistant — for their selfless, attentive care and monitoring of the system, securing plant repairs, and reassuring our customers. We also express gratitude to treasurer and trustee colleague, John Head, for his effective on-site leadership and communication with the media. Without these people, BWD's situation and its resolution might have been considerably different.

Mother Nature can dish out some nasty business — like an ice storm, forest fire, or flood — which can wreak havoc with community infrastructure. How fortunate Bethel is to have responsive, cooperative townspeople and friends to help deal with these emergencies. Grateful thanks to all.

Josiah Drummond
Chairman, Board of Trustees

STORY HOUR RESTARTS

To the Editor:

I am writing to welcome all families to join me for Story Hour at the Bethel Library on Mondays from 10 to 11 a.m. beginning Jan. 12.

I welcome the opportunity to start up this program again after a period of dormancy. All ages of children are welcome, but must come with supervision.

We will begin the program reading and discussing stories and hope to grow to include creating related crafts as well. Older children may like to read a story to the younger ones. Requests and ideas are always welcome.

Sharing literature at the library is a wonderful way to meet new friends and spend time with old ones. Please help us make this a special time.

I look forward to seeing you on Mondays. Please call (824-3625) with any questions or suggestions.

Deb Webster
Bethel

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor. We hope our readers will regard the Opinion Page of the newspaper as a public forum for discussing any topic they believe to be of interest to the community.

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Flood

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Oxford County Emergency Management Agency last week. The remaining \$9,000 in damage was attributable to Fire Department and police wages, and roadwork, he said.

On Monday, a representative from the Federal Emergency Management Agency visited Bethel to do a preliminary damage assessment.

Other towns

Other area towns have also submitted, or will submit, flood damage reports to the county.

The reports cover primarily

for damage to roads, culverts and ditches.

Greenwood estimates \$20,000 in damage, and Gilead \$8,000.

In Woodstock, Town Manager Vern Maxfield said a very rough estimate puts the damage at between \$8,000 and \$10,000.

Worldwide

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"When you see a hole or a vacuum you go to fill it," Costa said. "If you fill it well, you'll get more business."

The company currently has around 500 translators overseas, mostly in Iraq and Afghanistan. The translators typically work for the military and government agencies. Most are attached to military units, but Costa's employees have also translated for Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and others.

Translators are desperately needed, especially for intelligence gathering and interrogations, said Kevin Hendzel, spokesman for the American Translators Association near Washington, D.C.

"The shortfall is very serious," he said. "It's an absolute matter of national security."

Costa searches the country from Hawaii to Maine for qualified translators who can pass security checks and speak Arabic, Kurdish or Afghan languages such as Pashto and Dari.

One of his employees is Alaa-Eldin, the military's public affairs liaison to Arab media, including Al-Jazeera.

Like other translators, Alaa-Eldin won't provide his last name. He said divulging his identity would be too dangerous because terrorists have offered \$300,000 to those who kill translators helping the

United States.

Part of Alaa-Eldin's job is to help rebuild the Iraqi media, and he conducts training courses for aspiring Iraqi journalists.

"It's a very wide variety of different tasks you can learn and things you can experience," Alaa-Eldin said.

Another translator, Hashmat, is an Afghani attached to U.S. military units serving in Afghanistan. His family fled Afghanistan 18 years ago. Now he says he wants to help rebuild his native country.

He said he serves as a Pashto translator because he wants to help bridge the gap between the two countries.

"It's a good cause," Hashmat said. "I meet great people and serve both countries of mine."

Costa's company, which has 25 office workers in addition to translators, was originally based in his farmhouse in Andover. Two years ago, he outgrew the house and moved to an old building in downtown Rumford.

Costa said his commitment to Maine, where he has owned a home since 1983, is why the company stays in a remote location an hour from a major highway and several hours from an international airport.

Worldwide gives its employees a chance to travel to coun-

tries they've never dreamed of seeing. The company's personnel manager had never been far from home in Maine; now she's in Iraq and Afghanistan, sleeping on an army cot at night and filling out health insurance paperwork for Worldwide's employees during the day.

In typical stoic Maine fashion, she said before her latest international flight that she's not worried about her safety. She left Maine with body armor, a gas mask and 50 pounds of paperwork.

"You can't stop fate. If something's going to happen, you can just prepare for it," she said.

Several translators have been wounded in the past three years, but none killed, Costa said.

During their service, the translators have a chance to make a difference beyond their official duties. Stationed in Baghdad, Alaa-Eldin said it's hard for he and the other translators, who don't have to stay within the military's "green zone" of safety, not to get involved and try to help.

They've used their own money to buy creature comforts for those in need — pots and pans, or in one case, a washer and dryer.

"You get very emotional when you see what they don't have and you want to give."

2003: Economy

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By year end, Saunders Bros. Manufacturing was employing more than 80 people at the former Gilbert Manufacturing mill.

Saunders purchased the plant in 1997, closed it in 2002 and reopened it in December of 2002, with three employees.

About half of the employees added at the mill over the course of the year are from the former J.A. Thurston mill in Rumford, according to general manager Joel Letarte.

In nearby Berlin, N.H., the

news was also good. The Burgess pulp mill, idle at the beginning of the year was restarted, and by year's end was employing — despite a slump in pulp and paper orders — approximately 500 people.

Locally, another long-time business closed during the year, although there were few employees to lose their jobs.

In September, Abbott's Anchorage on South Pond, the summer home to dozens of camping families since the 1960s, ceased operations.

The beach at Abbott's will now be available for the use of homeowners in the adjacent South Pond Shores subdivision, according to Bill Glad, who developed the subdivision and owns the Abbott's property.

The construction business did well during the past year.

Building permits were flying out the door in most towns, and local contractors had all the work they could wish for, much of it building second homes.

2003: Frenchman's

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Androscoggin River.)

Unfortunately, Fake said, the trust's year-long effort has yet to bear fruit.

The trust had more success on the farm front in Woodstock, where Cornelia Greaves of Portland donated a conservation easement on the 140-acre General Alger Farm on Route

232.

The farm itself was donated to the Maine Sea Coast Mission in Ellsworth, which plans to sell the property on the open market, with proceeds from the sale to benefit the group's Christian outreach missions to residents of Maine's islands.

2003: Projects

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which has been unused in the decade-plus since the new one was built, will soon have a new life.

Urged by a group of concerned citizens, voters in October gave their approval to allow private funds to be used to convert the old building into a "recreational community activity center."

Private funds will also cover the \$8,300 purchase of a lot next to the station. The lot has water and sewer services the station property lacks.

Dam Work

In neighboring Greenwood, voters have already socked away \$27,000 to overhaul the Alder River dam, which holds back the waters of South, North and Round ponds.

The project, however, is expected to cost considerably more, and selectmen hope to present a plan for raising the money to voters at Town Meeting in March.

Among the other possible sources of funds are grants and the town's neighbors in Woodstock, which has much of almost all the shore frontage on North Pond, as well as a small amount on South Pond.

Another leaky Greenwood structure was fixed this year — the town's \$265,000 salt/sand shed.

The shed was built in 2002 but soon developed serious water problems — both above, through leaks in the roof; and at ground level, due to inadequate drainage.

This year, the general contractor for the project corrected both problems at no cost to the town.

Investments in recreation

At year's end two long-planned and major additions to the area's public recreational offerings appear to be moving solidly ahead.

Late in the fall, digging was completed on Bethel's long-awaited swimming pond.

The pond soon filled with clear water — silencing, for the moment at least, critics of the effort who were sure the digging would produce only a muddy "frog pond."

A picnic area, restrooms, changing area and fencing are also planned and are expected to be ready in time for swim lessons to begin this summer.

The second major recreational project also appeared much closer to reality at the end of the year — though that reality may still be a year or two away.

For years local snowmobilers who regularly cross the Androscoggin River in Bethel had sought an alternative to the dangerously narrow Route 2 highway bridge

— such a span, however, had always been financially out of reach.

But now the money is at hand. The Maine Department of Transportation plans to use \$1.1 million in state grant funds and federal enhancement funds to build a new 400-foot-long bridge just downstream of the highway bridge.

Due to the origins of the funding, the new bridge will technically be designated a "pedestrian/bicycle bridge," but it will be built to also accommodate two lanes of snowmobile traffic.

If all goes smoothly, it could be ready for the next snowmobiling season, according to MDOT.

Private sector Rec.

Not all the local recreational investment was in the public sector.

Sunday River Ski Resort in Newry and Mt. Abram Ski Area in Locke Mills both added to their wintertime attractions, including a new "jib park" at Mt. Abram.

But the big-ticket project of the past year was a championship 18-hole golf course in Sunday River's Jordan Bowl.

Ground was broken in July, and nine holes are expected to open by July of 2004, with the remaining nine to follow in the autumn.

Our Back Pages

Compiled by JOHN K. BROWN

10 years ago: Locally number 2 heating oil was 65.9 cents per gallon, the lowest price since 1986.

Lawrence "Bozo" Young retired after 18 years as yardmaster at Newton & Tebbets in West Bethel.

Deaths: Kellie J. Haines, Sharon Lee Oldenburg, Mildred S. Poulin, Karla D. Millett.

20 years ago: John J. Freeman, principal of the Woodstock and Andover elementary schools since the fall of 1982, resigned effective Feb. 16 to accept a position in West Boylston, Mass.

Merry Ann Robertson received her master of education degree in educational administration from the University of Southern Maine, Portland. A 1972 Telstar graduate, she had received her undergraduate degree from the University of Maine, Farmington in 1976, concentrating on home economics and had taught for eight years at the Junior High School in Bath.

The Bethel Inn management staff (Dick Rasor, Gretchen Davidson, Ray and Anne Moran, Don and Kathy Bennett) hosted a Christmas party for local friends of the inn.

Birth: Joel Louis Doyon.

Deaths: Jorgen Olson, Florence C. Bean, Archie H. Waltan.

30 years ago: Daylight Savings Time was to be instituted as an "energy savings" measure.

The main complex of the Town and Country Inn in Shelburne, N.H., was destroyed by fire with a loss estimated at \$800,000.

Regular savings accounts at the Bethel Savings Bank had an effective annual yield of 5.37 percent.

Bananas were two pounds for a quarter at the Bethel I.G.A.

Birth: Deborah A. Dingley.

40 years ago: Hanover Dowel Company distributed bonuses totaling \$15,000 to their employees.

Over 200 attended an organ concert by Frank Flint at Bingham Hall. Mrs. Margaret Carter Bean, contralto, also entertained with three musical numbers accompanied by Miss Carol Flint at the piano.

Fritz Tyler celebrated his 90th birthday.

Harry and Barbara Kuzyk had installed a soda fountain and new booths at their recently purchased Campus Malt Shop (formerly Cotton's Restaurant) on Church Street.

Births: Judith Carol Hamilton, Sally Lou Bennock, Dennis Wing.

Deaths: Phillips C. Brooks, Errold O. Donahue Sr.

50 years ago: Harold G. Bennett was elected president of the Bethel Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. Sally Glines Bodwell purchased Sylvia's Beauty Shop on Mechanic Street.

Victor Brooks was injured at P.H. Chadbourne and Co. when the forklift truck loaded with slabs he was operating went over a bank into a burning waste pile as its brakes apparently failed.

Johnnie Thurston, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Thurston, needed three stitches to close a cut on his eyelid received while sliding.

Author Barbara Lucas' and illustrator Eleanor Coffin's book, "Hell You Can Drive," was being well received. The clever illustrations brought out the best of the true Maine humor in the short account of a teenager learning to drive.

Deaths: Frank E. Brooks, Mrs. Christine Berry, Rollin Dinsmore.

60 years ago: James Barnett was temporary Star Route carrier between Upton and Bethel.

Ice was being harvested from Songo Pond.

70 years ago: The Mothers Club held a mother-daughter banquet at the Maple Inn (now Sudbury Inn). Forty mothers and daughters gathered there.

80 years ago: Holiday guests at the Bethel Inn enjoyed sleighing, straw rides, skiing, tobogganing, snowshoeing, etc.

90 years ago: Miss Eva Bean was attending Colby College.

100 years ago: Dry wood was retailing in Bethel for \$4.50 per cord.

The patrons of the local telephone service were described as "pleased" with the service.

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2004

Briefly

Town manager chosen

WEST PARIS — A Marietta, Ga. man has tentatively been hired as the first town manager of West Paris. Donald Woodbury, originally from the Lewiston-Auburn area. He is currently employed by Lockheed Martin Aeronautics. Chosen from a field of 28, Woodbury will start work March 6 at a salary of \$35,000 and benefits. The town voted this year to adopt a town manager form of government.

Drive-by property shootings

AUGUSTA — Homes and vehicles have been targeted by a dozen drive-by shootings in western Maine the past 50 days, state police said last week, as they asked for help from the public in finding who's responsible. The shooting spree started Nov. 5, when homes were struck by bullets in Gray and Sabattus. Three days later, two homes and two parked vehicles were fired at in Turner. On Nov. 12, a Minot home was struck by a bullet and on Dec. 9, a house in Poland was struck. The weekend before Christmas, a house in Buckfield, a house and a car in Hebron were hit, and a house in Paris was shot at twice. The shootings have several common characteristics. Most have occurred between 1 and 3 a.m., and they have all been in rural areas. All of the homes have been occupied at the time they were shot, and all of the homeowners have been asleep. Police are not discussing what kind of gun may have been used in the shootings. While a dozen shootings have been reported so far, police said the number could increase as homeowners who discover unexplained damage learn about the investigation. Law enforcement officials are looking for help from the public in reporting any suspicious vehicles or incidents. State police in Gray can be contacted at 1 (800) 228-0857; callers can remain anonymous.

Rally for guardsmen Sunday

NORWAY — A send-off for the 133rd Engineering Battalion is planned for Sunday, Jan. 4 at 3 p.m. at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School in South Paris. The 133rd is made up of soldiers from the Norway and Lewiston areas. The National Guard unit is one of several from the state that will go to Fort Drum, N.Y. before being deployed to the Middle East. They are expected to leave sometime between Jan. 5 and 10. Original plans called for the units to travel routes 26 and 2 to New York, but that route has since been changed.

Unemployment creeps up

NORWAY — The unemployment rate for the Norway area for November was 6.7 percent, up from 6.6 percent in November. The increase was attributed to seasonal construction layoffs and the closing of the Robinson Manufacturing Co. in Oxford. The September rate was 5.7 percent.

X-C ski event for Old Timers

BETHEL — The Bethel Outing Club will sponsor The Old (and not so old) Timers' Event on Sunday, Jan. 11 at 1 p.m. at Carter's Cross Country Ski Center. The \$12 event consists of a 5- or 10-kilometer loop, classic or freestyle option, for Old Timers. For the not-so-old set (13 and under), there will be shorter race and tour options available. The event is designed to mingle new and old Nordic skiers. All ages and abilities are welcome. The Bethel Outing Club Bill Koch youth ski group will meet at the event.

Basket bingo for WES trip

GREENWOOD — A basket bingo will take place at the Jackson-Silver American Legion Post in Locke Mills on Sunday, Jan. 18. Doors will open at 11 a.m. Tickets are \$10 for 16 bingo games, available in advance. Light lunch, snacks, door prizes raffle baskets and consolation prizes will also be offered. Proceeds will benefit the Woodstock Elementary School's fifth-grade class trip to Boston. For more information call 665-2265 or 527-2170.

State's first snowmobile fatality

AUGUSTA — The state's first fatal snowmobile accident of the season took the life of a 64-year-old Northport man. Oakley Shedd hit a gate on a tote road around 11:30 a.m. Sunday. The snowmobile struck the gate and then continued forward, hitting his truck. He was pronounced dead at Eastern Maine Medical Center shortly after midnight Monday.

Boy killed in snowmobile crash

GORHAM, N.H. — A 14-year-old local boy died Sunday afternoon after his snowmobile went off the trail and hit trees. The teen was wearing a helmet, but suffered head injuries. There was no evidence that drugs or alcohol were involved, authorities said.

Teen dies of meningitis

BENNINGTON, N.H. — One of five teenagers hospitalized with symptoms of bacterial meningitis has died of the disease, and another was in critical condition Sunday. Meningitis, which causes the brain to swell, can be spread by fairly intimate contact, such as kissing or sharing water bottles or cigarettes. State health officials said two of the hospitalized teens are classmates, and likely spread the disease to one another, but they had found no clear links among the others. Rachel Perry, 18, died Saturday at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, where she had been hospitalized since Christmas, her mother, Susan Perry, told the New Hampshire Sunday News. Three other teens from southern New Hampshire — two 15-year-old classmates at Monadnock Regional High School in Swanzey and a 14-year-old from the Concord-area — were in fair condition Sunday. Health officials said a 13-year-old boy from Colebrook, in the far northern tip of the state, also appeared to have contracted the disease. The boy became sick Friday and was in critical condition Sunday. Perry and the two 15-year-old boys contracted a strain of the disease that cannot be prevented by vaccination, officials said. Health officials were conducting tests to determine if the other teens have the same strain. On Friday, officials distributed antibiotics to the 1,300 students and staff at the 15-year-olds' school. Perry lived in Bennington, about 30 miles from the boys' school. Health officials also were calling people who may have had contact with the 13-year-old from Colebrook, a town of about 1,100 near the Vermont and Canadian borders. According to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, up to 15 percent of meningitis cases are fatal.

Football impacts ski business

DENVER — For Colorado ski resorts, the Denver Broncos' first trip to the NFL playoffs since 2000 is bittersweet. Thousands of Coloradans who might otherwise be skiing may instead be watching that game and other NFL playoff games through Feb. 1. "It's a double-edged sword," said Loveland ski area spokesman Kevin Wright. "We all want the Broncos to do well, but we know at the bottom of our hearts that more people will be watching TV next month." "We've always noticed that when the Broncos go deep in the playoffs, it impacts the skier days. That's our challenge," said Vail Mountain chief operating officer Bill Jensen.

From the Bethel Police Log:

It wasn't recyclable

At 9:05 a.m. on Dec. 27 police received a call to go to the Transfer Station. The attendant showed the officer three trash bags with what looked like marijuana in them. It looked like it had gotten wet and was frozen. The officer disposed of it in a dumpster.

Tuesday, Dec. 23

At 6:45 p.m. police received a report of a car fire at a gas station. The two occupants made it out of the car with no injuries. The Fire Department put out the fire.

Sunday, Dec. 28

At 11:50 a.m. a complainant called in regarding a vehicle operating at a high rate of speed on Route 26 in West Paris. The officer stopped the vehicle, informed the driver of the complaint, and recommended the driver pay more attention to the speed limit.

At 9:08 p.m. the Sheriff's Office requested an officer respond to a Newry business, where an intoxicated and belligerent subject was being held by the staff. The subject had been refused alcohol and became difficult. The subject was arrested by a county deputy for OUI.

This report highlights points of interest from the Bethel Police Department log. It lists all cases of adults being arrested or issued a criminal summon in the 10 days prior to the newspaper's publication, but does not include all reports of other police activity. To reach the Bethel Police Department, call 911 in emergency situations, 824-3437 in non-emergencies.

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2003:

Bethel Police Department endures uncertainty

2003 was a tumultuous year for the Bethel Police Department. The year that saw the town police chief suspended, and two town boards recommend the department be disbanded.

At year's end, however, both the chief and his department were still firmly in place.

In March, Town Manager Scott Cole placed Police Chief Darren Tripp on "paid administrative suspension."

Cole said the suspension was not for disciplinary reasons. Beyond that neither he nor Tripp would publicly comment on the reasons for the suspension.

Tripp, however, did tell The Citizen that he planned to fight hard to keep his job. "I'm going to take this to the wall," he said.

Just over a month later, the suspension was lifted and Tripp was back at work.

His return is the apparent result of negotiations between attorneys for Tripp and the town.

Tripp declined to comment publicly on the matter.

Cole, in a press release, said: "In the wake of the suspension, a series of actions have been identified, for which both parties will be held responsible. The goal of these actions is to provide the Bethel community with the best possible law enforcement in the future."

Old debate revived

The precise future of law enforcement in Bethel was very much in doubt at the time of Tripp's suspension.

The previous year Cole had approached the Oxford County Commissioners about the pos-

sibility of having the county provide 24/7 police coverage in Bethel.

At the time the county was not interested, but in January County Sheriff Skip Herrick wrote Cole to say the county was willing to discuss the matter.

Cole's initial rationale for approaching the county was to see if the town could save money by disbanding its own force and going with county coverage.

But in May, when the county presented a proposal, it was for \$238,574, or \$28,000 more than the town had budgeted for BPD coverage.

By this point, however, the rationale for switching to county coverage had shifted from saving money to eliminating perceived problems of turnover and inadequate staffing in the BPD.

Both the Board of Selectmen and town Budget Committee recommended that Town Meeting voters approve the change.

But the vast majority of those voters thought otherwise. The changeover was defeated 119-507.

In this police case, history was repeating itself.

The question of switching to county coverage had also been raised in 1987.

At that time the same two town boards recommended making the change, only to have Town Meeting voters say, overwhelmingly, "no."

In both cases, the prospect of losing local control over police coverage appeared to play a large role in shaping the outcome of the debate.

Towns chew over whether or not to bite the reval bullet

Town revaluations and property assessment made news several times in 2003.

Rapidly increasing property values forced two towns to consider doing revaluations sooner than they anticipated. And an appeal to the state regarding Bethel's method of assessing timeshares could cause the town to lose tax revenue.

In the fall, Newry and Woodstock learned their 1997 and 1998 revaluations, respectively, are already significantly out of line with what the real estate market reflects.

A greater demand for real estate in the past couple of years, particularly in the vacation-home market, is responsible, the towns' assessing agents told selectmen.

At the 2004 Town Meeting, Newry voters will consider a complete revaluation at an estimated \$55,000. Woodstock will vote on a proposal to spend \$20,000 for a revaluation that includes everything but visits to town properties.

In Bethel, selectmen discussed a proposal to put

money in the budget over the next three years toward an estimated \$150,000 revaluation. The town last went through the process in 1987.

Timeshares

A debate over how to tax timeshare property in Bethel will go before the Maine State Board of Property Tax Review in 2004, following a decision by that board in October to hear an appeal from two Bethel resorts.

The Bethel Inn and River View resorts had applied for tax abatements from Bethel, but were denied. The issue has been under discussion for several years.

Because timeshare unit buyers purchase club memberships and vacation exchange rights and services as part of the sale price, timeshares can be valued several times higher what the physical property is worth.

But the resorts argue it is unfair to include the services as part of the valuation.

The appeal will be heard in March. If the state forces the town to drop the valuations, it could result in a significant loss in tax revenue for the town.

Like in the big cities, most crime here is drug related

Robberies and several arrests for possession of drugs and guns topped the crime news during 2003.

In March the Big Apple Store in West Paris was robbed when a man struck the clerk on the head and made off with the register.

Three men, Allan Edwards of Woodstock, Aaron Aldrich of Turner and Shaun O'Neil of Norway, were arrested two weeks later in connection with the robbery.

In April, Peter A. Gordon of Greenwood was arrested at his home on drug trafficking and firearms-possession charges. A cache of more than 40 firearms, with ammunition, was found when several law enforcement agencies executed a search warrant.

He later pled guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm, and was sentenced in November to five years in prison. He had been convicted

in 1986 of selling marijuana.

In July a drug bust at several local rental houses resulted in the arrest of four Bethel area men and the seizing of \$1 million worth of illicit proceeds from a sophisticated marijuana-growing operation.

Edward W. Aiken, Robert A. Carey, Brian C. Martin and Richard C. Hamilton were charged in connection with the cultivation.

In early December two young Massachusetts men held up the Big Apple Store on Railroad Street. Wielding a semi-automatic handgun, they made off with several hundred dollars.

They were caught in West Paris, after they crashed their car into a tree.

Brian E. Kinlon and Daniel P. Shannon of Rockland, Mass., were arrested and charged with armed robbery. They said they had robbed

the store to get money to buy drugs.

Later the same day, two other men, Christopher Shannon and David Brandolini Jr., were arrested on drug charges at Shannon's family condominium at Sunday River Ski Resort.

All the men entered no plea at a court arraignment a week later.

Also in December, a Massachusetts felon was arrested in Woodstock. Jason Sarro of Malden was on probation for assault with a deadly weapon.

He was arrested and charged with possession of a firearm, after a frightened woman who had been with him at a home he owned on the Mann Road called her mother in Massachusetts.

The Maine State Police responded and, in searching the house for the woman, found several firearms.

The woman was later found unharmed in woods near Buck's Ledge. She was under the influence of drugs, according to the state police, and suffering from frostbite, but she was otherwise unharmed.

Party time

There were no arrests in June, when police found about 100 teenagers from Portland High School holding a graduation party at a condominium in Bryant Pond.

The condo owner asked police to make the teens leave. Those who were sober were allowed to drive, while others slept in their cars or went to motels for the night.

In August, five local teens were arrested after they were found using a vacation home as a regular gathering place. They were charged with burglary, criminal mischief and possession of alcohol by a minor.



A YARD OF SNOW

arrived in our yards in early December, and was soon followed by another heavy drop. But the month also saw heavy rains and above-average temperatures that melted much of the snow-base and brought spring-like flooding before Christmas.

(Photo by M. Daniels)

Heavy snows and rains lead to serious flooding

Extreme amounts of precipitation, both wet and white, kept area residents sliding and splashing through much of December.

Two snowstorms, whose combined accumulation totaled about four feet, were each followed by rainstorms that brought a total of about five inches of rain.

After the second rainstorm, there was no place for the water to go, and it flooded many roads.

The Androscoggin also overflowed its banks in the area of Bethel Village. Routes 2, 5 and 26 were closed for a day, and a Bethel trailer park was evacuated by boat.

Adding to the misery was

a coating of black ice that appeared on Route 2 in Gilead during the nighttime rain. Many trucks slid off the road and dozens of cars were brought to a standstill for several hours.

The Bethel Water District shut down its water treatment facility, when the building was flooded. Customers

were not without drinking water, however, since sufficient water was available from the district's half-million-gallon reservoir on Paradise Road.

Estimates of damage to municipal and BWD facilities totaled \$369,000.

Accidents take their toll during 2003

Several Bethel area residents lost their lives as a result of accidents on the roads, in the air and in the woods in 2003.

In January, Mindy Gilbert, an Andover native, was severely burned in a car fire on the Intervale Road. She succumbed to her burns in mid-February.

In early March, Bethel native Becky Shaw was killed in South Paris when her car was struck by a logging truck. The truck had swerved left around a pickup truck stopped to make a turn, and struck Shaw's oncoming vehicle.

The driver of the truck, Lee Hills Grove, was later charged with manslaughter, and pled 'not guilty' at his arraignment. A trial date has not yet been set.

In April, 2-year-old Samuel Bennett of Bethel died in a freak accident. He was struck by a falling tree during the clearing of his family's lot on

the Chandler Hill Road.

Also in April, 1997 Telstar High School graduate Sandon Morgan died in a motorcycle accident in Buckfield.

In September, three West Paris residents died as the result of a plane crash in Greenville. Vernon Inman, Harlan Abbott and William Aridas had flown to remote Horseshoe Pond for a weekend of fishing.

But when they took off for home, their float plane failed to clear trees and crashed near the pond.

Inman died in the crash. In subsequent days, the other two men died at Massachusetts hospitals of burns suffered in the crash.

The cause of the crash was ruled to be fuel mismanagement. The pilot had left the plane's fuel selector on a tank that had apparently run dry, and did not have time to recover after the engine lost power.

World media glom onto affair at Bethel dump

It didn't draw quite as much media attention as Angus the Snowman, but the September 'dump wedding' of Rockie Graham and Dave Hart still got plenty of play on national television, the Associated Press, and other worldwide media outlets.

Graham, of Newry, and Hart, of Waterford, are attendants at the Tri Town Transfer Station in Bethel.

They met there and later decided that was the appropriate place to wed.

With TV cameras rolling, they were joined in marriage Sept. 1.

The couple was featured on the syndicated show "Inside Edition," as well as on Maine television stations. There was also extensive newspaper coverage.

Graham, Newry columnist for The Bethel Citizen for many years, now writes a column for Waterford, where she and Hart make their home.



THE NAYS HAD IT

Maine voters answered with a resounding "no" in November to a proposal that would have allowed the state's Indian tribes to build a gambling casino. Less than a week later an amendment that could have cleared the way for high-stakes bingo in Albany township was proposed to a bill being considered by the Maine Legislature. The Legislative representative of the Passamaquoddy Tribe said the amendment was not aimed at Albany, and in any case the amendment died in committee. (Photo: Aloisia)

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Upton



by Eleanor LeComte
The Christmas Holiday was a little different this year in Upton.

The weather was far less than desirable. It rained heavy most of Christmas Day. Staying home with the family was the best option since travel conditions were poor.

Christmas Eve brought a measure of excitement when a deer went through the ice at the mouth of the Dead Cambridge River. Concerned citizens responded promptly and found a most impossible situation. The ladder and ropes that they brought could not be used. The deer was too far down the river to reach. Lucky for the creature that it was not too far from the island's shore. It struggled for a while in the frigid water. That was the "bad news." The "Good News" followed.

The deer hearing the hubbub of voices onshore became frightened enough to scramble out of the hole and take a flying run across the ice to safety. She must have been mighty cold, but it did not inhibit her at all. A cheer went up from her human friends. It was a wonderful Christmas gift.

The deer herd has moved into the deeryard and appear quite healthy in spite of the poor food supply in the woods. Gene Wixom arrived from Shirley, Mass., with bushels of acorns and apples that will be doled out to the deer. Several people are supplementing the natural food supply, (Joy's Arborvitae), with deer pellets. There is a doe with a "game leg" but she gets around on three legs. She probably is coyote bait. Another doe has a tumor on its cheek. Wilma Rector spotted that one. She and I are both nurses so we tend to look for pathological conditions. The poor deer's eye is shut tight on the affected side. Most of the deer have shed their antlers. Dick Angevine set out on snowshoes and found one. Jim Kenney and I had ours delivered to the dooryard.

The "Cards and Pool" Club

opted for dinner at the Bethel Inn in lieu of a Christmas gift exchange. The inn was beautifully decorated. There were fires in the hearths and lighted Christmas trees. The atmosphere was inviting and warm. A great time was had by all. Sue Nelson did a fine job with the arrangements.

The State Line Snowmobile Club held a Christmas "Pot Luck" Supper at the Ladies Aid Building on Dec. 20. About a dozen members attended. Donna Folsom won the door prize, a battery operated snowmobile to be used in the house for those who avoid the snow.

Happy 85th Birthday to Buster Williamson. He celebrated in Lake Wales, Fla., on Christmas Day with four generations of his family attending a family party. His youngest descendant is only a few months old. We all wish him 15 or 20 more years of fishing and being the best neighbor you could wish for.

The "Bird of the Week" just flew by the window. Who knows what it was.

Happy New Year to you all.

Mason



by Richard Grover
Folks in Mason were busy hosting relatives and friends and

enjoying the fellowships of the season. My big sister, Verna, was joined by grandson Greg Thayer, his wife Jola and baby Maja, whom Verna had not seen previously; Greg's family had traveled all the way from the Los Angeles, Calif., area for the holidays. Surprisingly, little Maja loved the snow and to be outside playing in it.

One would think that with all the snow we've had in the past few weeks, it would be an ideal winter for snowmobiling. So far, conditions in this area have been far from ideal. The heavy rains after the snows left many sections of the trails barren of snow and covered with mud and water. In other places decaying ice jams and great sheets of ice leave trails unusable for long distances. Places that are normally merely damp or small

trickles of water frozen solid under the trails, this year are wide stretches of bare ground or open streams that make riding either rough, or even dangerous. Streams that are normally frozen over and covered in snow are this year wide open. With the unfrozen ground mostly covered in deep snow, chances are that the trails will go through this winter without ever freezing up enough to make good riding or skiing. The final kicker in this situation is that snowmobile clubs are not grooming trails this year due to the inability to obtain liability insurance; it seems so many buttheads have been running into snow groomers and filing lawsuits that insurance companies no longer offer that kind of insurance. Let's hope that the state Legislature takes up this issue during the winter term and passes a law protecting trail groomers in a manner similar to the law holding landowners blameless from accidents of people using the land for recreational or sporting purposes.

In another vein, last Sunday's Lewiston Sun/Journal Section D ran a feature about bear problems in the state of New Jersey. It seems that animal lovers there got a law passed some 33 years ago banning bear hunting in the state. Now, urban sprawl has met up with a ballooning bear population, with a resulting rash of problems with bears raiding trash cans, bird feeders and even children's school lunches while kids walk to school. People there are rapidly becoming fed up with bears destroying screen doors, eating their pet cats or dogs and threatening harm to people, mostly children who happen to be carrying food or may merely be in an area where bears are foraging. Even nature lovers there are tired of being threatened by bears and are warming to the idea of allowing hunting as a way of reducing the bear problems.

I hope some of the people in our fair state who are intent on banning bear hunting, trapping and the like through a referendum will read the Journal article. Hopefully, we can avoid the situation where

we're overrun by an over population of bears or other wild critters.

East Bethel



by Nancy Mercer
Alder River Grange 145 will have a regular meeting on Jan. 9 at 7 p.m. at

Lynn Mason-Courtney's home on Tyler Street, with a 6 p.m. soup.

Shawn Morrill of South Paris visited Peter Haines on Dec. 25 and 26.

Clare Plawlock had Christmas dinner with Scott and Wendy Annis and their family. Scott's father, "Oscar" Annis, was also there for the dinner.

Jack and Lucy Nordahl were skiing in Rangeley for Christmas. The roads were not the greatest for driving to get there, but the skiing was great.

Esther Wilson hosted a Christmas Eve family gathering with 48 family members and friends. Jarrod Crockett from Virginia and Theresa Gibson of New York were two from far away that were home for the holidays.

Pat Kimball celebrated her birthday on Dec. 25.

Jack and Tricia Chappie hosted a dinner with her father from Roxbury, mother from Rumford and nieces and brothers.

Albert Foster spent Christmas with Dick and June Stearns in Rumford Corner.

Ben and Stephanie Bolen with Matt and Taylor of West Bethel and Ron and Karen Gilbert with Zach of South Paris had a Christmas Eve gathering at Ken and Laurie Crockett's.

Steve and Rosie Cross and children, Mick and Jen; Teresa and Donny Walker and children, Brice, Nathan and Nicena; and Stanley Walker had their Christmas dinner and tree on Dec. 27 at Ruby Coolidge's.

On Dec. 24, Ken Mason with sons, Kenny and friend, Allie and Tony and his friend, Tanya, and her children, Sierra and Logan, and Peter and Christen Mason with Kurt

of West Bethel had Christmas dinner and a tree at Daisy Coolidge's.

Daisy Coolidge had Christmas Day dinner in West Bethel with Peter and Christen Mason. There was also a dinner with Esther Wilson on Christmas Day.

On Dec. 26 and 27, Joel and Denise Jackson and daughter of Londonderry, N.H., visited Daisy Coolidge.

Peter Haines hosted a big turkey dinner on Dec. 26 with John and Nancy Haines and son, Joseph, of Greenwood, James Haines of Gray, George and Charlene Haines, Lisa Haines, and Nancy Mercer. The family tree was after a delicious dinner.

Paul and Charlotte Kimball hosted a Christmas Eve dinner with Jim and Mariah Kimball and children and Bruce and Velora Tuominen and children of North Norway for the evening.

Christina Kimball and Steve Goss with Nancy Kimball hosted a Christmas Day dinner with Paul and Charlotte Kimball present.

On Dec. 27, Paul and Charlotte Kimball and Jim and Mariah Kimball and children had dinner with Bruce and Velora Tuominen and family in North Norway.

Doug and Judy Honkala and daughter, Tula, of Riverdale, Md., had Christmas with Rudi and Barbara Honkala.

Rudi and Barbara Honkala attended Stan Howe's Open House on Dec. 28.

Rudi Honkala is doing very well now.

Earl Coolidge had Christmas with John and Eva Coolidge and family.

Richard and Pat Kimball had Christmas dinner with Keith and Penny Savage in Bryant Pond.

On Dec. 27, Richard and Pat Kimball were at Amos and Korla Kimball's for a birthday celebration.

Millie Jackson along with the rest of the Olson family had Christmas on Dec. 21 at Neal and Carol Hall's home in West Paris.

On Dec. 23, Millie Jackson attended a cookie swap party at Wendy Newmeyer's home.

Florence Hastings was out and about on Christmas Day. She visited all her family from

Bethel to Paris Hill and had a good time at it.

John and Penny Kittredge visited his mother, Evelyn, in Whitefield on Dec. 22 and 23 for Christmas.

Arthur Hertell and Mary Bean had Christmas supper on Dec. 24 with Debbie Hertell and Kirstei Arsenault in Rumford.

Arthur Hertell and Mary Bean were in Auburn on Dec. 25 with Michael and Linda Hertell-Hopkins. Debbie Hertell and her daughter, Kirstei, of Rumford were also there.

Also on Dec. 25, Mary Bean and Arthur Hertell had a late supper at Peter Bean's. Gina Dow, Monica Bean and Ryan Wodka with their children, Lukas and Emilea and Chad Bean shared the late supper, also.

Peter Bean, Gina Dow, Arthur Hertell, Mary Bean, Pam and Steve Wojtylski of Westbrook had Christmas dinner and the tree at John and Penny Kittredge's on Dec. 28.

Andre and Flossie Bernier had Christmas dinner with Steve Goss and Christine Kimball and Nancy Kimball.

Jerry Bernier and Wendy Simpson celebrated Christmas in Lima, Peru. They will be returning on Jan. 1.

I hope everyone has a safe and Happy New Year. God Bless the troops.

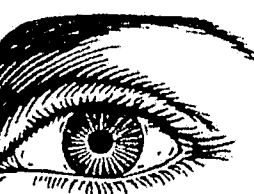
Andover



by Joan Stinson-Carney
Happy New Year. I hope the coming year will

bring every thing you deserve, need and want, and not in that order I have made my resolutions for the coming year: 1) I will lose 100 pounds, 2) I will only eat chocolate one day a week I will only say the "F" word one day a week. I will try to see the positive in every situation instead of the negative.

The year 2004 is going to be Andover's year. Our bicentennial year will hopefully be wonderful. We have the Winter Carnival, the Birthday Party, and Olde Home Days to look forward to. The bicentennial



The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

Sharon Bouchard's column is published by special arrangement with the Advertising Department of this newspaper.

I think I'm going to leave my Christmas Decorations up all year. It will save time when the holidays roll around again and I won't lose anything by forgetting where I packed things away.

Actually, it depresses me a little to think about taking down the cute little ornaments and holiday hangings I've accumulated over the years. Sadness comes over me when I box everything up and stick them away in a corner of my attic to be forgotten about until next year.

I guess I'm just suffering from my annual case of post Christmas blues. We spend so much time getting ready for this special occasion; the shopping, what to get for whom, the decorating, the wrapping, the menu planning, the parties and everything else that goes with it. Then Christmas morning comes and POOF, it's over in a flurry of wrapping paper, ribbons, boxes and bows.

Then we're faced with the presents that don't fit, don't work, and are broken before they even get out of the box or are lost before the setting of the holiday sun. We've had a month or more of hype for an hour of glee and then it's all over.

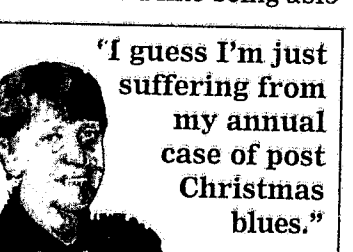
I guess part of the reason I don't want to take my decorations down is because just maybe as long as they are still hanging up here and there throughout my house I can hang on to the Christmas time warp. That's the few weeks of the season that seem to have no basis in reality.

We all just seem to float along with everything revolving around the "Big Day". People are generally nicer to each other, the newspapers are full of stories of good will and the

spirit of giving, we eat things we don't allow ourselves the rest of the year and we get time off from our jobs with pay. Why wouldn't anyone want to cling to that all year?

The Christmas goose is barely cold before the newspapers are filled with depressing stories of murder, mayhem and budget cuts. The credit card bills are starting to come in to show us how much the spirit of giving cost us and once we get in the new year it's a long haul until the next paid holiday.

I just can't bring myself to give it up. I like things just fine the way they are at Christmas. I like being able



"I guess I'm just suffering from my annual case of post Christmas blues."

to turn on the television and find a tear jerking Christmas special instead of some inane show of violence. I like Hallmark Moments. I don't want to let them go.

And I still have fudge in the house. The holiday can't be over until the fudge is all gone. I've spent the last week or so eating whatever there happened to be around because that's what you do at Christmas. If it is really over I have to stop doing that and face the consequences. I can only imagine that I will have a hard time convincing my doctor that chocolate covered cherries can be used as a fruit option to any diet program.

What about my new Christmas sweat shirt? It's really pretty, white with red and green and gold holiday

designs. I get to wear it once and everyone tells me how much they love it and now I've got to tuck it away for another year. That seems like such a waste of good clothing to me.

And there are my children. Neither of them lives very far away and I see them quite frequently, but their visits seem a little more special during this time of the year. We chat about what presents to get for the kids, what new confection we should add to the Christmas dinner and we reminisce about so many Christmases gone by.

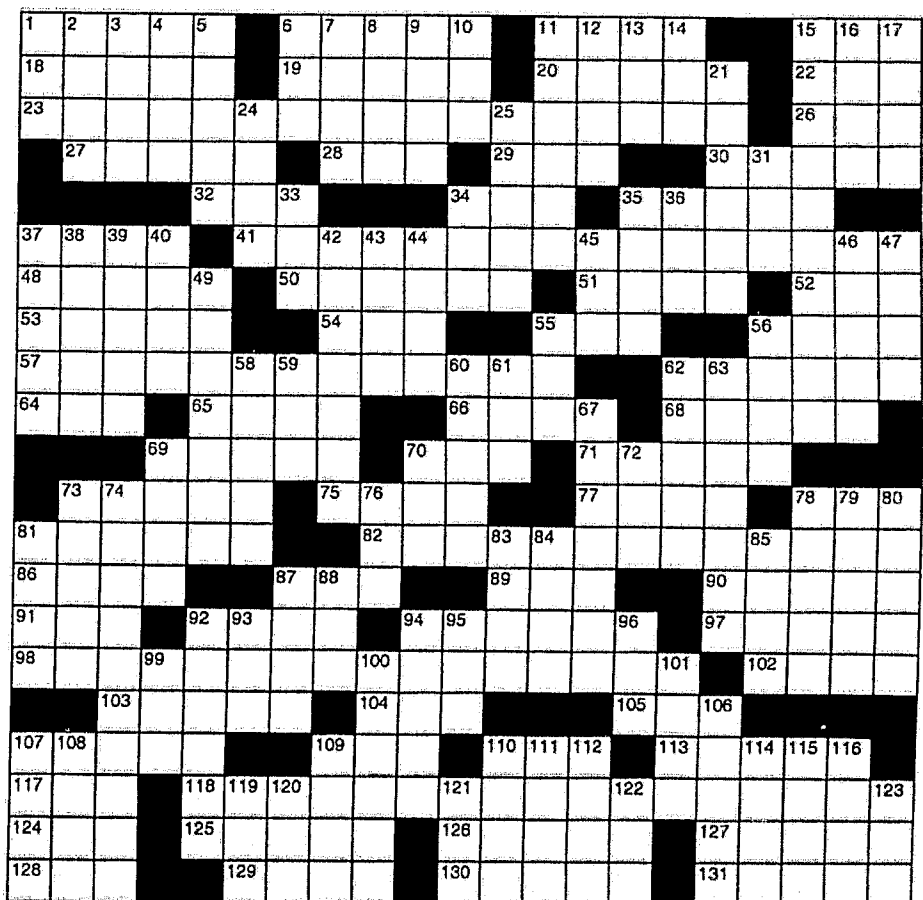
I don't understand it when people say "Christmas was nice, but I'm glad it's over." Well, I did have a nice Christmas, in fact it was wonderful, thank you very much, and I'm not glad it's over. I want it to stick around for a while longer. I want the feelings of good will and the Hallmark Moments to continue on at least into the new year. I want to keep my family around me and I want to keep right on eating those chocolate covered cherries and fudge all year long.

The way I see it by leaving my decorations up I will be reminded of why I hung them in the first place. Every time I look at the dying tree I will remember the good will I felt when I put it up. If you should visit me in July don't be surprised to see a brown wreath on the door. It doesn't mean that I'm too lazy to take it down, it means that I plan to keep the spirit of Christmas alive the whole year through.

I wish you a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. Piece of fudge anyone?

Super Crossword CENTENNIAL

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| ACROSS | 54 Big bang letters | 98 Transportation event of 1900 | segment | Benedict | energy |
| 1 "Home" (90 film) | 55 Distress | 99 Lonely | 9 "Lonely" Boy singer | 49 Apollo's sister | 95 Petite pooch |
| 6 Faithful | 56 Terror | 102 90 Across | 10 Research site | 55 Veneration | 96 Thompson or Salonga |
| 11 Elated | 57 Exhibition event of 1900 | 103 Moshe of Israel | 11 Become an adult | 56 Hawthorne's was marble | 99 Rocker Whitcomb |
| 15 Tighen the tent | 62 Solidarity city | 104 Shady character? "World" | 12 Rob of "Wayne's World" | 58 Make amends | 100 August shows |
| 18 Nigerian city | 64 Weldon or "Wray" | 105 High peak | 13 Barley beard | 60 Fly a chopper | 101 554, to Tiberius |
| 19 Actress Verdugo | 65 And others | 107 Multivoiced Mel | 14 "Agnus —" | 61 Trans. it | 106 Preserve a petunia |
| 20 Paddled | 66 Utah city | 109 Coach Parseghian | 15 Word in a Dostoyevsky title | 62 Barbecue | 107 Nail type |
| 22 Multi-purpose vehicle | 68 Way to go | 110 Favorite | 16 Coup d'— | 63 Drew while distracted | 108 Berg opera |
| 23 Photography event of 1900 | 69 Donizetti's "L'elisir d'—" | 113 Terrier | 17 Culinary event of 1900 | 67 Connecticut native | 109 Blind as — |
| 26 "Unforgettable" name | 70 Queller or Arden | 117 Message | 115 Down | 69 Border on | 110 Caliao's country |
| 27 Snicker sound | 71 Heavenly hunter | 124 Every last | 21 Rubble | 70 Aussie walker | 111 Desire defied |
| 28 Mexican Mrs. | 73 Meir's successor | 125 Humpback's home | 24 Boat bottom | 72 Hugo's "Le 3 amuse" | 112 Use a stopwatch |
| 29 Have a mortgage | 75 Knight's wife | 126 Luncheon-ette lure | 25 Commodious | 73 Lasso stroke | 114 Division word |
| 30 Attack | 77 Clasp | 127 Gawk | 31 Guitarist Paul | 74 Priced right | 115 With 17 Down, famed saxophonist |
| 32 Sniggle's quarry | 78 Seal's notes | 128 Payable | 34 "Abner" | 76 Carline gip | 116 51 Across' missis |
| 34 Baseball's Piniella | 81 Ease a situation | 129 Makes lace | 35 Car's victim | 78 Full of froth | 120 "Cy —" (55 song) |
| 35 TV's "Green —" | 82 Musical event of 1900 | 130 Actor Gary | 36 Actor Gallagher | 79 Pianist Schnabel | 121 Yak |
| | 86 Huck's craft | 131 Detection device | 37 Rod | 80 A little night | 122 Aye |
| | 87 Service div | | 38 Address Shire | 81 Wet blanket | 123 Augsburg article |
| | 89 "Doll" (54 hit) | DOWN | 39 Threshold | 82 Junet | |
| | 90 Urania's sister | 1 TV ET | 40 Bread and booze | 83 Junet | |
| | 91 Skater Midori | 2 Cafe au — | 41 Furry-tale fiend | 84 Fade away | |
| | 92 Act catty? | 3 Fairy-tale fiend | 42 Upset | 85 Songwriter Jacques | |
| | 94 Anesthetic type | 4 Snack | 43 Bond foe | 87 English architect | |
| | | 5 Cosmelli-clan Lauder | 44 New York team | 88 — deco | |
| | | 6 Papal name | 45 "Raid on Entebbe" | 89 Hitchcock classic | |
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| | | 97 Object | 47 Bogarde or | 94 Like some | |



Answers on back page

nial committees are hard at work. The shirts are already for sale, and they look really good. I will have lots more information about upcoming events during the year.

Nomination papers are now available at the town office for a three-year selectman's term and a three-year SAD44 school board member. Papers must be returned to the town office by Feb. 6 at 1 p.m.

I hope everybody's Christmas went well. I worked at the Inn at Evergreen in Stoneham Dec. 24, 25 and 26. I was really nervous but things didn't go too badly until the evening on the 26th. Eleanor, I hope your head has healed and that you realize that you scared me and a lot of others out of a year's growth. I'm really sorry that your party was disrupted, but I'm so glad you are all right.

The Poy family enjoyed their first Christmas in Andover. The boat Mrs. Poy bought her husband came in real handy during the flood, even if they had to use table legs for oars, because junior thought the oars were firewood. Santa brought lots of really nice presents, but left a note about the cookies. It seems Santa doesn't like carrot and beet cookies. Gingerbread is his favorite, I guess.

See 'ya.

West Paris



by
Joyce Lamb

All is well. Under the Christmas tree remains only its skirt

where the packages had been stacked high. With a large family and all contributing packages for each other the pile was great. The wrappings are in the garbage bags and ready for the dump. All went home with their arms full and smiles everywhere.

The Lambs and McLaughlins met on Christmas afternoon at the home of Kelly and Cameron Hartley with about twenty relatives there to exchange gifts. We received several pictures of the four great-grandkids. The family is getting so large that there were two dinners prepared, one in Auburn and one in West Paris.

Son Allen and wife Myrna and children, Amber and

Aaron, spent some of their vacation over Christmas with me. Allen finished his Fellowship with Harvard Medical School, so they have sold their home in Massachusetts and are on their way west to return to Santa Fe, N.M., where he will return to his old job in Human Genetics. Myrna will return to her old job as a lab technician. They will visit his brother, Jody, in Athens, Ohio. It has been a good year and a half for them here on the East Coast, for they could visit their families often. They will be missed.

Beverly and Vince Stevens entertained their families Christmas Eve and again Christmas Day. On Christmas afternoon they were in New Gloucester to visit Vince's family.

Deedee Chase has been busy celebrating with her children. On Christmas Eve she was with Ricky and Linda Chase. On Christmas Day she took dinner with Randy and Wendy Chase, and on Sunday she was with Nester and Rachel Ruokolainen for gifts and dinner.

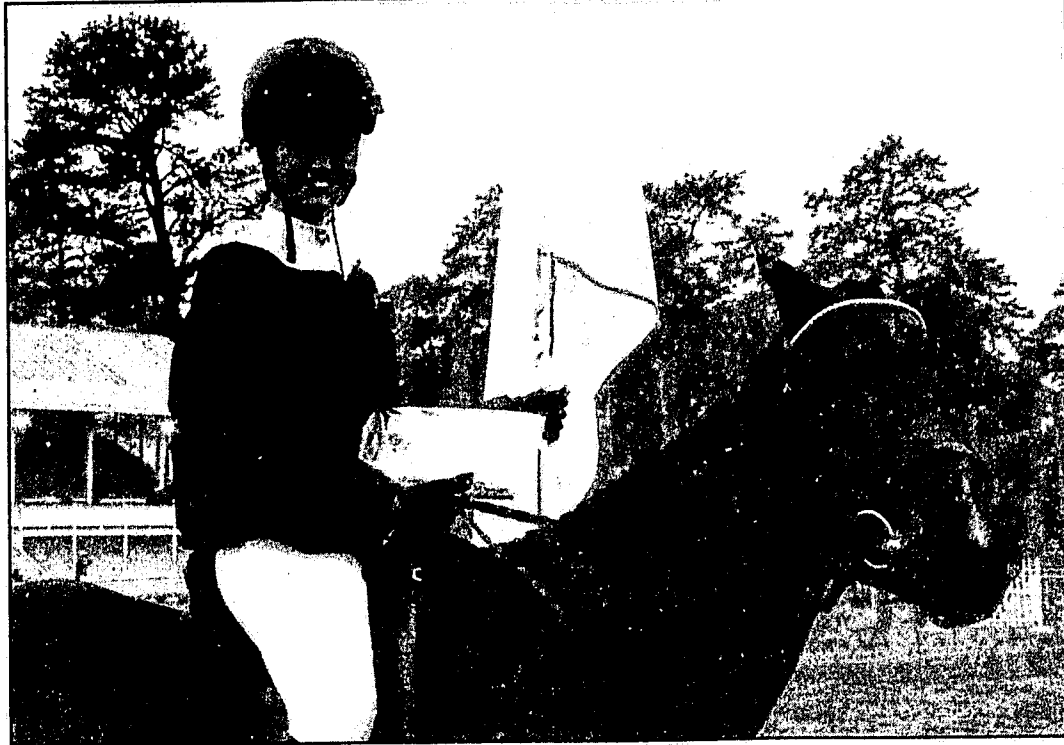
All were amazed to see the back half of Buffy a dark orange. The rest of him is its normal color with his big, white ruff around his neck and the usual dark yellow ears. His tummy has lots of curly fur along with his thick curly pantaloons. Long hair grows through his toes as though he is walking on a cushion. He is at his greatest beauty right now.

West Paris



by
Bertha DeHaas
Such strange weather. More than three feet of snow in late autumn followed by ice

jams in the rivers, floods that required evacuation of people from their homes and trailer parks and the residents of Victoria Villa to the Sumner/Hartford School Gymnasium. It seems there has been a terrible earthquake in California again, this time in a less densely populated area. If a 6.5 earthquake had occurred in either Los Angeles or San Francisco, there would have been many more deaths and much wider devastation because of the densely popu-



OUTSTANDING 4-H MEMBER

Becky Slattery of Gilead has been in 4-H for 11 years and has been active in the Tally-Ho 4-H Club and in the End of the Rainbow 4-H Club. She was recently named Outstanding 4-H Member in Oxford County. She also received a state award and trip to National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Ga. She participates in the 4-H Horse Project and in some of the general project areas. She is a junior at Gould Academy and is certainly a leader in 4-H activities in Oxford County and in Maine.

lated areas.

We should all keep a week's supply of food and water plus flashlights, batteries, lamp and oil, blankets, medicine, pet food (if you have pets). Even in our automobiles we should keep a shovel, blankets, flashlight and batteries, emergency energy food, water and a battery powered radio (in both home and auto). Also in your car, keep extra wool socks, boots and one change of clothing. Drive prudently.

Our most sincere condolences go out to the family of Penni Floster of West Paris, formerly of Oxford. Penni and her husband, Jack, are the owners of the West Paris General Store. Penni is survived by her husband, Jack, three daughters, Bethany Crocker of Manchester, Becky Crocker of West Paris and Kimberly of West Paris and son, Ian, also of West Paris, and three stepdaughters, Melissa Whittier and Michele Floster of Oxford and Megan Floster of South Paris. She also had four brothers and one sister. Our hearts, thoughts and prayers go out to all of you at this time. Penni will be much missed by us all.

Singspiration was held at the North Paris Federated Church on Sunday, Dec. 21. Good music and food was enjoyed by all.

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, was the 61st wedding anniversary of Dagny and Lars Martinson of Trap Corner, West Paris. Congratulations Dagny and Lars and prayers for many more happy years.

Hope you all had a safe and healthy and happy (Merry) Christmas and have a safe, healthy and happy New Year. See you next week and next year.

South Woodstock



by
Andrea Wing

I saw Willie and Joyce Hathaway at the grocery store and

they told me they have not yet moved to West Paris, as I previously reported.

Murrill and Elizabeth Blazier have purchased a new car. It looks real nice.

Frank Frazer paid us a short visit one morning this week. We hadn't seen him for a while. Ron Frazer has been having a bad time with his leg. We wish him a speedy recovery.

More rain is expected this week. Hopefully it won't cause the disaster in Canton, Bethel and other places as it did before.

We had all our family here for Christmas Eve. This is the first time in many years.

Evelyn and James Dunn were our guests for Christmas Day dinner. This is also the first time for this, as they were usually away in California or New Hampshire. They now live in Norway.

I just love my fiber-optic Christmas tree. No decorating and it is really beautiful

with different colors changing constantly.

I called my sister, Dotte Critser in Tempe, Ariz., as she has been having a hard time lately, a slight stroke and arthritis in her knee. Up to now, she has been real healthy and just hates not being up to par.

Peggy Robert is a patient at Stephens Memorial Hospital with pneumonia. Get well soon, Peggy.

Ronnie Dillingham has also been a patient, but has returned home.

Vernon and Tammy Davis had 34 immediate family members for a Christmas celebration. A buffet luncheon was enjoyed.

Tommy Poland had Evelyn and James Dunn for lunch one afternoon this past week.

Quote of the week: "I've learned that youth is a wonderful thing. It's a pity it's wasted on the young."

Bryant Pond



by
Alice Hoyt
The Baptist Church meets each Sunday for Sunday School and Adult Bible

Fellowship at 9:15 a.m., morning worship at 10:30 a.m., choir practice at 5:15 p.m. and evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. is prayer meeting. Thursday at 9 a.m. is Ladies Bible time. A very nice Christmas program was held Sunday night.

There will be no Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens meeting in the month of January.

Franklin Grange 124 will meet on Jan. 10 for a day meeting. Meeting starts at 10 a.m. with potluck dinner at noon.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Sally Melville.

The Historical Society Museum is a really fine facility considering it is maintained by a small, all-volunteer organization. You will feel at home in the museum and see many exciting things. It is a retreat from the bustle of the modern world to another era. The society preserves the rich heritage for future generations. The society regrets the passing of Earle Noyes. He did a lot of work in the museum when he was able and his family has always been active in the society. He was once president of the society. The Historical Society encourages you to join, as they need more members. You can make a real contribution.

Waterford



by
Rockie Graham
It certainly has been a busy two weeks.

There were snowstorms, ice storms, holiday shopping and holiday parties. It was a great time to see friends and at the same time a lousy time to go anywhere due to the weather.

Keeping a community



Danielle Tran, M.D. examines a young patient.

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wonderful year and hope
to have many more!*

The snowstorms meant a lot of work — plowing, shoveling etc. The ice storms on the other hand were just plain bad. Personally, I've always preferred snow to ice.

The David Hart Sr./Rockie Graham household had Christmas Dinner with Rachel, Marie and Josh West and Robin Hart attending. It was an enjoyable day. Prior to that, Dave and I traveled to Robin Hart and Becky Morin's house to watch granddaughters Sadie and Sarah, and grandson David III open presents. Ryan and Cassidy Perkins also paid a brief visit. Afterward, Becky and Sadie Morin and Sarah and Chris Hebert traveled to Hollis to have dinner with Chris's parents.

Dave and I also traveled to Bolster's Mills last week to attend a Chanukah party at the home of friend Andrea and Mike Asken Dunne. It was fun to watch as young folks helped with lighting the menorahs and saying the Chanukah blessings.

The earlier starting time is necessitated by the business of the meeting, which will be training for the February caucuses. Snow date for this meeting is Friday, Jan. 23. Aymie Walshe, executive director of the Maine Democratic Party, will conduct the training. Caucus meetings will be held in all municipalities in Oxford County on Sunday, Feb. 8, in the afternoon or early evening. A complete list of caucus convenors, locations and times will be released in mid-January, and is available on the state party Website, www.mainedems.org. The business of the caucus meetings is to indicate presidential preference, elect delegates to the May State Convention, and to organize the municipal committees for the coming two years. Absentee ballots are being introduced this year and may be obtained from the Maine Democratic Party office, 622-6233, or www.mainedems.org.

From the

Bethel Historical Society's Regional History Center

Hanover



by Clem Worcester

Among those visiting the area during Christmas were Daren and Fran Worcester, Hooksett, N.H.; Brad Worcester from Belfast; Mike Worcester from Central Maine College in Auburn, Matt and Jenny Tirrell from Mechanic Falls and Kay Worcester from Dixfield.

A trailer truck hauling recycled cardboard rolled over onto the Ellis River Bridge at the intersection of Route 2 and Route 5. The road was blocked for much of the day on Tuesday as Rumford Fire Department, Rumford Police and the Oxford County Sheriff's Department directed traffic along Route 5 and the Andover Road to Rumford Center. The driver and his passenger were not injured.

Ruth Kittridge is not feeling well and is at Stephens Memorial Hospital in Norway. Hopefully, she will soon be better and back to her Brown Road home with Herb.

We hope 2004 brings the best of everything to everyone.

From the

Oxford County Democrats

The Oxford County Democrats are sponsoring Petition Day on Saturday, Jan. 10, throughout the county to gather signatures on nominating petitions for Congressman Mike Michaud's re-election, as well as for legislative candidates. Those participating will visit Democrats in their towns to secure signatures, and the day will conclude with a pizza party at the Fare Share Commons on Main Street in Norway from 4 to 5:30 with Congressman Michaud attending. Anyone interested in assisting with collecting signatures should contact County Chair Cathy Newell at 875-2116 or cathyn@megalink.net for the required petition forms.

The January meeting of the Oxford County Democrats will be held on Thursday, Jan. 22 at the Paris Town Office on Main Street beginning at 5 p.m. for a potluck supper.

Agnes H. Haines; Dennis and Rita Wilson, Bethel; Gloria J. Wilson, Bethel; Allen and Jackie Cressy, Bethel; Sara S. Carson, Oxford, in memory of Billy Stowell; Joann Mooney, London, U.K.; Jim and Judy Ray, Austin, Texas; Nancy Carver Stickney, North Salem, N.H., in memory of Ruth and Kimball Ames; Nancy Babcock, Newry; Crossroads Diner and Deli, Bethel; Edward A. Hastings, Stevensville, Mont.; Suzanne and John Schneider, Lynnfield, Mass.; Dr. William H. and Joyce Wanger, Alna; Colwyn and Judy Haskell, Bethel; Arlan and Ellie Jodrey, Bethel; Rebecca P. Kendall, Bethel; Barbara H. Lapham, Hanover, in memory of Dale Lapham; Eunice G. Powell, Hanover, in memory of Harold R., Kevin B. and Christopher M. Powell; Glenn B. Skillin, Biddeford, in memory of Rebecca Bailey; Pretiss and Frieda Carnell, West Land Lake, N.Y.; Don and Eleanor Brooks, Bethel; Diane L. (Bartlett) Morris, Tallahassee, Fla., in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Zenas W. Bartlett, Jr.; Robert Blake, Bethel; Barbara I. Mahler, Bethel; Jim and Lucia Owen, Stoneham; George and Mary Stowell, Falmouth, in memory of Billy Stowell; Elmer and Arlene Bean, Bethel; Craig and Ann Mason, Gorham; Carolyn S. Austin, Bennington, Vt., in memory of Maynard Austin; Stanford E. Carter, Wappingers Falls, N.Y.; George and Danna Nickerson, Bethel, in memory of Donald S. Brown and Herbert E. Nickerson; Marvin and Tineke Ouwinga, Bethel, in memory of William R. Pooley; Patricia Lee Jackson, Bastow, Calif.; Robert and Anne Greenleaf, North Scituate, R.I., in memory of Sherman and Mabel Greenleaf; Judy and Joel Hutchins, Gordon, Neb.

Much appreciation is extended to all of the above for their generosity. Tax-deductible contributions can still be made to the society, P.O. Box 12, Bethel, ME 04217-0012. The Bethel Historical Society, founded in 1966, is western Maine's largest and most comprehensive full-time historical agency, dedicated to collecting, preserving, and interpreting the regional past for present and future generations.

Further information about the society and its activities may be obtained by calling 824-2908, or by e-mailing: info@bethelhistorical.org.

From the

Whitman Memorial Library

This was a busy month at

the library. On Thursday, Dec. 11, Susan Clement Farrar was guest speaker at our 10 a.m. program. Despite the bad weather and a small turnout, the program was very interesting.

Ms. Farrar told us about her writing experiences and how she became published and the pleasure of receiving fan mail.

A Christmas story hour was held on Dec. 16, complete with a craft and refreshments. Again the weather kept the crowd away, but those who attended had a great time. Ellsworth Hathaway will be our guest the second Thursday of January. He will be telling us about his wood carvings and will have some to show. Don't miss this event. There is no charge and the program is open to the public.

A very nice set of Serendipity books by Stephen Cosgrove has been donated to us and are ready to be taken out. These books appeal to quite a wide age group. Come and check them out.

New children's books are: "Quanto and the Miracle of Thanksgiving," Eric Metaxas; "Are You My Mother?" and "Snow," P.D. Eastman; "When Winter Comes," Nancy Van Laun.

New Christmas stories are: "A Wish to be a Christmas Tree," Colleen Moore; "Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer," Robert L. May; "Little Miss Spider A Christmas Wish," David Kirk; "Queen of Christmas," by Mary Englebreit; "The Puppy Who Wanted a Boy," Jane Thayer; and "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," Dr. Suess.

Books for adults: "Bringing Elizabeth Home," Ed and Lois Smart; "The Five People You Meet in Heaven," Mitch Albom; "A Perfect Day," Richard P. Evans; "The Secret Hour," Luanne Rice; "Let's Roll," Lisa Beamer.

Videos that are new to us are: "Lost in Space," "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington," "Wag the Dog," "Grumpier Old Men" and "Detonator II Night Watch." This is a mixture of classic, science fiction, action and humor and should be good viewing.

Readers, if you are interested in large print books come in and check out our selection. If you would like us to order more of these, please let us know. Our library is small, but we do have a lot to offer.

From the

White Mountain National Forest

Forest Service Snow Rangers at the White Mountain National Forest Mount Wash-

ington Avalanche Center remind winter enthusiasts to check the daily avalanche advisory and understand the day's danger rating before venturing into Tuckerman and Huntington Ravines.

Snow Rangers head up Mt. Washington early each day throughout the winter and spring to collect snow and weather data needed to forecast the avalanche danger for the day. They assign a Danger Level using the United States Five-Scale Danger Rating system that uses the current and predicted conditions to describe the risk of natural and human-triggered avalanches. Danger levels are posted on colored slat boards on the Tuckerman Ravine trailhead at Pinkham Notch, at the base of Tuckerman Ravine at Hermit Lake, and at the Harvard Cabin below Huntington Ravine.

The daily avalanche advisory is widely distributed and posted on the Web at www.tuckerman.org to aid hikers, skiers, and climbers make informed choices about their backcountry plans.

Danger ratings range from Low, Moderate, Considerable, High, and Extreme. "Avalanches can happen even with a Low rating for the day," says Snow Ranger Chris Joosen. "Each rating links to a definition and represents a range of instability and danger — for example, Moderate danger can vary from near Low to almost Considerable danger. It's important to avoid any assumptions — read the actual definitions to know what level of danger you may face in any given day."

Low danger (green) means that natural avalanches are very unlikely and human-triggered avalanches are unlikely except in isolated pockets. Travel is generally safe but use normal caution. Recognizing unstable snow and changing conditions is advised.

Moderate danger (yellow) means that natural avalanches are unlikely and human-triggered avalanches are possible. Unstable slabs are possible. Use caution in steeper terrain.

Lion Head Winter Route Now Open — Winter enthusiasts planning a trip up Mt. Washington should note that the Lion Head summer trail is closed and the Lion Head winter route is now open. It is the safer path in terms of avalanche hazard to get above treeline accessing the summit of Mt. Washington from the east, reports U.S. Forest Snow Rangers at the Mt. Washing-

ton Avalanche Center.

Forest Service Snow Rangers recommend checking the latest avalanche advisory before coming to recreate on Mt. Washington. Contact the Forest Service at (603) 466-2713 ext. 4 (TTY) (603) 466-2856 or visit www.tuckerman.org for information.

Forest Service Snow Rangers, the Appalachian Mountain Club's Hermit Lake caretaker, and the Harvard Mountaineering Club Cabin caretaker are available in Tuckerman and Huntington Ravines to answer questions about skiing, riding, climbing, and hiking, and to provide the latest safety advice. "We have the latest information on ravine conditions and weather forecasts, and we encourage people to ask us for advice," says Snow Ranger Marianne Leberman.

Explore the Winter Woods — Snowshoes Are Ready When You Are. Looking for something different to do after hitting the slopes and the shops? Do the kids need an outlet for all that pent up energy? Just need some fresh air and some peace and quiet? The U.S. Forest Service invites you to try your hand (and feet) at snowshoeing while enjoying the calm of the winter woods.

Borrow our snowshoes and take a hike on the nature trails at the White Mountain National Forest visitor centers in Bethel and Gorham, N.H. Both trails are great for beginners and kids, covering easy terrain through the forest. Explore the landscape, check out animal tracks, and listen for the muffled sounds nature offers us this time of year.

Snowshoes for adults and children are available. There is no charge but the snowshoes must be used on the nature trails during regular business hours, Monday-Saturday in Gorham and Tuesday-Saturday in Bethel. After your hike, tour the exhibits in the visitor centers to learn about national forest activities, and bring the kids in for some hands-on exploration of our natural world.

For more information, call the Evans Notch Visitor Center in Bethel at 824-2134 (TTY 824-3312) or the Androscoggin Ranger Station in Gorham at (603) 466-2713 (TTY (603) 466-2856).



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Winter in the Woods
— Guided Hikes in the White Mountain National Forest. The U.S. Forest Service announces the kickoff of its "Winter in the Woods" guided hikes series, beginning this Saturday, Jan. 3, at the Androscoggin Ranger Station on Route 16 in Gorham. Ranger Matt Schomburg invites the public to start the New Year with plans to join him in free guided snowshoe hikes in the White Mountain National Forest. "Come explore the forest along the Peabody River, on the Appalachian Trail in Shelburne, and on the nature trail at Dolly Copp Campground," says Matt. There will also be one guided cross-country ski trip on the Hayes Copp trail at the campground. A special treat this year is a hike by moonlight in Dolly Copp Campground during the full moon in March.

Most hikes are about 1.5 hours long and geared for beginners, families, and anyone looking for some fresh air and fun in the great outdoors. Two hikes — up Square Ledge and along the Rattle River — are more challenging.

A limited number of snowshoes for children and adults are available to borrow at no charge from the Forest Service, or hikers can bring their own.

Participants should dress for the weather in warm layers and bring a water bottle.

Space for each trip is limited. For more information, call the Androscoggin Ranger Station at (603) 466-2713 (TTY (603) 466-2856).

Call the morning of the hike to reserve your spot.

Schedule

Saturday, Jan. 3, 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. — snowshoe hikes. Just for Kids (but parents are welcome, too.) hike along the Peabody River. Look for animal tracks with Ranger Matt and learn how animals survive the winter. Meet at the

Androscoggin Ranger Station on Route 16, three miles south of Gorham.

Friday, Jan. 16, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. — snowshoe hikes. Discover which of our native animals hibernate and which are active in the winter woods. Meet at the Androscoggin Ranger Station.

Saturday, Feb. 7, 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. — snowshoe hikes. Snowshoe with Ranger Matt on the nature trail at Dolly Copp Campground. Meet at the trailhead in the campground, located five miles south of Gorham on Route 16.

Wednesday, Feb. 25, 1 p.m. — cross-country ski trip. Bring your own skis for a few hours of gliding with Forest Service staff on the Hayes Copp Ski Trail. Learn about winter activities in the White Mountain National Forest. Meet at Dolly Copp Campground.

Friday, Feb. 27, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. — snowshoe hike. Here's a challenging one-half mile hike leading to Square Ledge and beautiful views of the mountains in winter. Meet at the Appalachian Mountain Club's visitor center parking lot on Route 16 in Pinkham Notch, 11 miles south of Gorham.

Friday, March 5, or Saturday, March 6, 7 p.m. — snowshoe hike. What is more peaceful than the winter woods illuminated by the full moon? Hike through Dolly Copp Campground by moonlight with Ranger Matt. Call ahead for date. Meet at the campground.

Saturday, March 13, 10 a.m. — snowshoe hike. For fit hikers looking for a longer, more challenging experience, join Ranger Matt on the Appalachian Trail for a trek to the Rattle River backcountry shelter. Bring a lunch to enjoy at the shelter. About 3.5 miles round trip. Meet at the trailhead on Route 2 in Shelburne.

Honor roll

GOULD ACADEMY

The following pupils have been named to the Gould Academy honor roll for the fall trimester of the 2003-2004 school year.

GRADE 12

High Honors: Quinn McAllister, Bethel; Alexander Thompson, Palos Verdes Estates, Calif.

Honors: Ryoko Arai, Tokyo, Japan; Caroline Beatty, Yarmouth; Katrina Bolesma, Gilead; Colin Boyd, Eliot; Jonathan Charnas, Westlake Village, Calif.; Catherine Cook, Brookline, N.H.; Ian Dorsey, Freeport; Charles Edwards, Montague, Mass.; Brendon Forbes, Hanover; Mathew Humbert, Shelburne, N.H.; Elizabeth Jorgensen, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Polina Knyazeva, Bronx, N.Y.; Erik Lightbody, Guilford; Elana Malapan,

Pelham, N.H.; Katie Reed, Bethel; Brandon Solomon, Wayland, Mass.; Whitney Stowell, Weld; Christopher Thompson, Palos Verdes Estates, Calif.; Mathew Tosi, Grafton, Mass.; Hidehiko Udagawa, Tokyo, Japan; Sarah Velte, Londonderry, N.H.; Martina Vojtelova, Bratislava, Slovakia.

GRADE 11

High Honors: Amy Gaidis, Bryant Pond; Yi Juan Huang, Melbourne, Australia; Christopher Rogers, Manchester.

Honors: Ludwig Berls, Muenchen, Germany; Finnian Donovan, Bethel; Lewis Feuer, Middletown, Conn.; Elizabeth Friedman, North Bridgton; Yuji Kawanishi, Tokyo, Japan; Arseney Knyazev, Bronx, N.Y.; Si Woo Lee, Seoul, South Korea; Anna Merriitt, Cliff Island; Karl

Olson, Bethel; Kyle Pereira, North Easton, Mass.; Katherine Shareshian, Jackson, N.J.; Hyun Ho Shin, Koyang City, Japan; Jun Myong Shin, Seoul, South Korea; Kimberly Tremblay, Bridgton; Timothy Whiton, Portland.

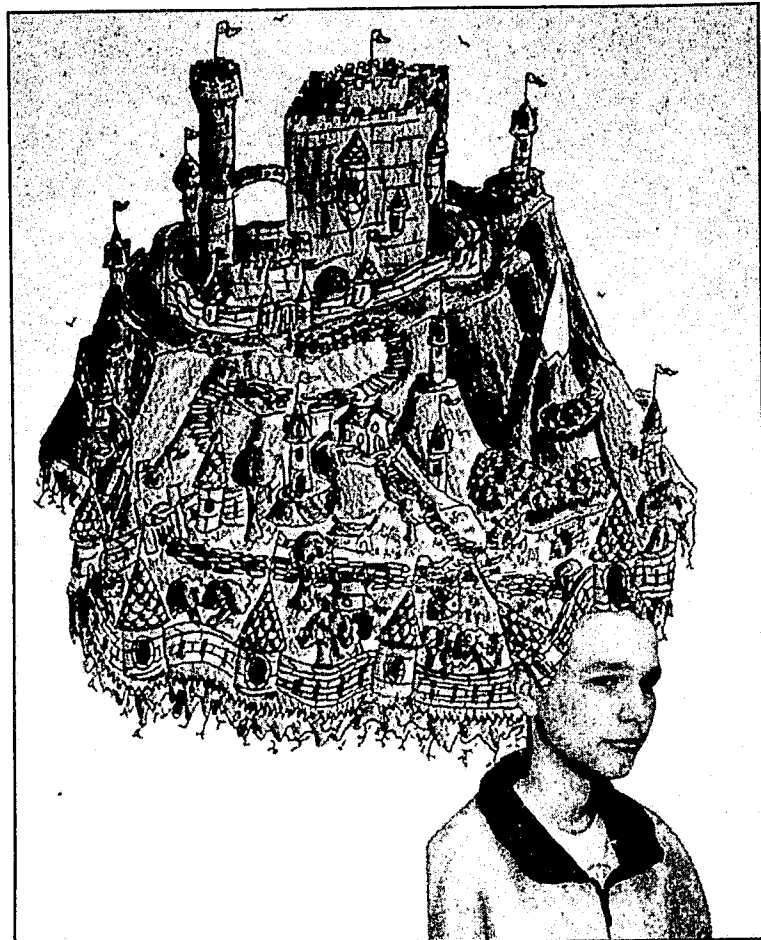
GRADE 10

Honors: Clare Adams, Arlington, Va.; Samantha Bowen, Wakefield, R.I.; Shelly Bowen, Gilford, N.H.; William Carver, Bethel; Erin Forbes, Hanover; Naomi Fraser, Newry; Alexander Kerney, Bethel; Sung-Keum Kim, Seoul, South Korea; Tetsuro Kimura, Yokohama, Japan; Hee Kwon Lee, Seoul, South Korea; Sang Jin Lee, Seoul, South Korea; Sanggon Lim, Seoul, South Korea; Laura Miklos, Doylestown, Pa.; George Neptune, Princeton; Jorie Ohlson, Conway, N.H.;

GRADE NINE

High Honors: Amy Broome, Concord, Vt.; Hee-Jeong Choi, Seoul, South Korea; Lauren McAllister, Bethel.

Honors: Christopher Antonovics, Charlottesville, Va.; Hillary Baribeau, Bethel; Charlotte Brink, Bethel; Morgan Carver, Bethel; William Courtney, Hartland, Vt.; Hannah Cowan, Bethel; John Kantelis, Greenland, N.H.; Erin Murphy, Bethel; Rebecca Rowe, Tampa, Fla.; Hilary Thompson, South Hampton, N.H.; Eliza van Heerden, Northeast Harbor.



AWARD WINNER

A Telstar High School student, Brandon Roberts, has won a honor at the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards in Portland. Roberts won a Gold Key for his drawing, "Renaissance." The drawing was also selected as a "American Visions Award." Roberts' piece will go on to New York and national level competition. He will be considered for an award that includes \$100 cash and participation in a national exhibit. He will also be in competition for the Pinnacle Award at that level, which brings a \$400 prize. Only five pieces were selected in Maine out of 332 submissions for the American Visions Award. Roberts will also receive a scholarship to the Maine College of Art Saturday School course of his choice. He is a participant in the Explorations Art Program, taught by Aria Patch. He did the drawing during the spring semester of 2003. Explorations won two other awards — a Silver Key and an Honorable Mention for student Aaron Tripp, from Center Lovell. Three other Telstar students, Mary Henley, Matt Mills and Deanna Davis, will also be honored by participating in this Scholastic Art Awards exhibition at the Institute for Contemporary Art at Maine College of Art, 522 Congress Street, Portland. The exhibit runs from Jan. 2 to 17. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, and Thursdays until 7 p.m. The awards ceremony will be held Jan. 17 from 1 to 3 p.m. The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards are the longest running recognition program of their kind in the country. Alumni of the Scholastic Awards include Richard Avedon and Andy Warhol.

School Sports

High School Boys' Varsity Basketball

Buckfield 83, Telstar 76; Dec. 30—Telstar's Kurt Wight and Ryan Savage each had 18 points and Sean Caddigan 17 in a loss to Buckfield.

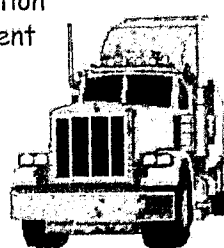
High School Boys' JV Basketball

Telstar 60, Winthrop 41; Dec. 22—Telstar scorers: Ryan Kimball (14), Brandon Waltman (9), Steve McDonnell (8), Mayur Patel (6), Louis Thornton (7). "We got off to a slow start, but finished strong to beat Winthrop," said coach David Berry.

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Telstar 40, Winthrop 37; Dec. 23—Telstar's Jillian Kimball and Krystle Gould each scored nine points in win over Winthrop. Other scorers: Chea Davis (8); Liz Rosenberg (7); Abbie Wentworth (4); Ashley Stambolis (2); Lindsay Hart (1). Kimball and Davis each had two three-pointers.

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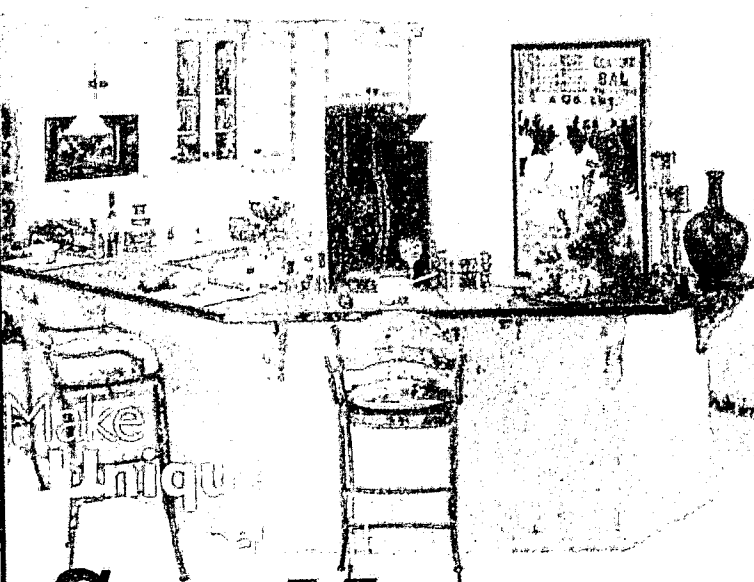
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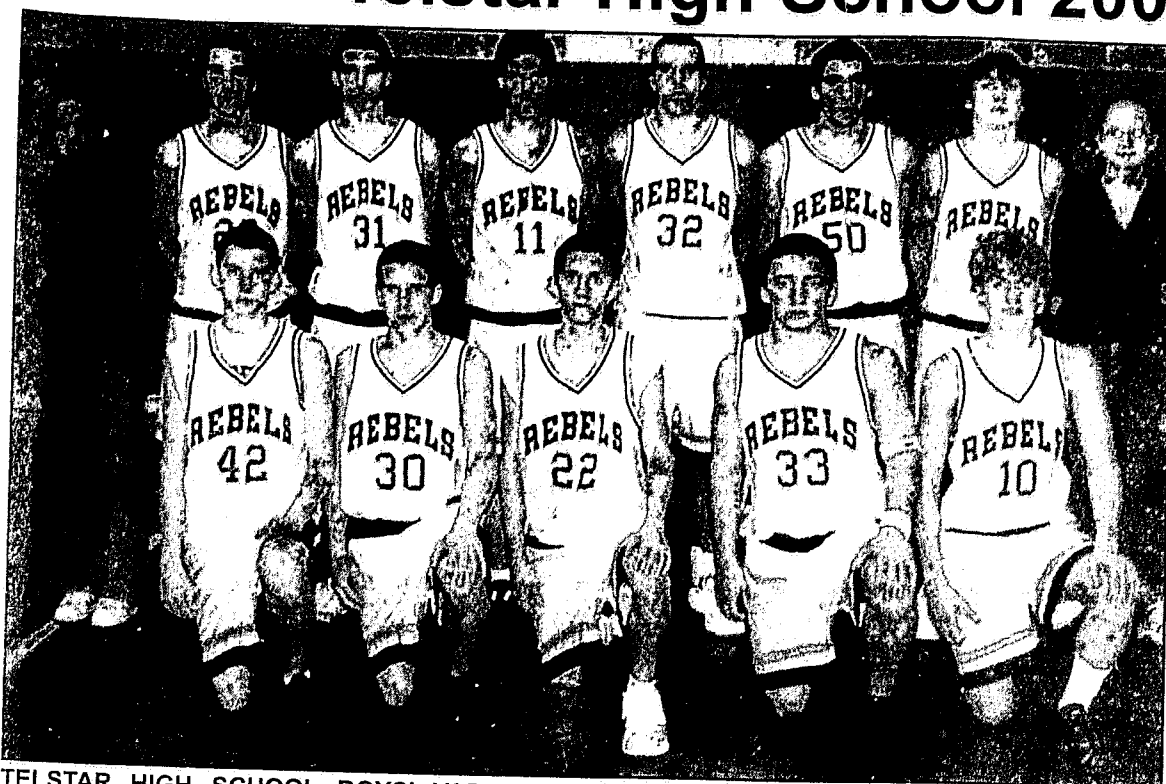
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Telstar High School 2003-2004 Basketball Teams



TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' VARSITY BASKETBALL—Front: Sean Caddigan, Steve McDonnell, Casey Fleet, Kurt Wight, Ryan Savage. Back: Erin Farrington (mgr), August Reiss, Josh Longway, Alex Best, Terry Collins, Bill Mitchell, Kevin Zinchuk, Tanya Knox (mgr).



TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL J.V. BOYS' BASKETBALL—Front: Louis Thornton, Andrew Farrington, Alex Helms, Mayor Patel, Brandon Waltman. Back: Erin Farrington (mgr), Matt Zinchuk, Jordan Palmer, Ryan Kimball, Kevin Gallagher, Tanya Knox (mgr), coach David Berry. Absent: Max Meader.



TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL—Front: Jillian Kimball, Ashley Stambolis, Krystle Gould, Santana Wilson, Liz Rosenberg. Back: Coach Aaron Bean, Sarah Farnum, Kelsey Dole, Chea Davis, Abbie Wentworth, Lacy Gammon, Lindsay Hart, coach Nate Buckman.



TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL J.V. GIRLS' BASKETBALL—Front: Patrycja Blachut, Kristie Carver, Kayla Day, Caiti Shimamura, Joseline Belanger. Back: coach Nate Buckman, April Bolstridge, Chelsea Cozzolino, Jessica Putnam, Megan Smith, Jacki Coffin, Tara Lunney, Kara Thurlow.

(Courtesy: NEAT Photos)

School Lunch Week of January 5

Telstar and Middle School Lunches

Monday: Country fried chicken w/chicken rice, hot veggie, dinner roll. Special: meat lover's pizza.
Tuesday: Macaroni and cheese, side hot dog, dinner roll. Special: BBQ chicken pizza.
Wednesday: Chop suey, hot veggie, biscuit. Special: hamburger calzone.
Thursday: Sausage breakfast sub w/hash browns. Special: Ham breakfast pizza.
Friday: Scrambled cheeseburger sub, French fries. Special:

veggie pizza.

Choice of milk and fresh or portioned fruit or fruit juice each meal.

SAD44 Elementary Schools Lunches

Monday: Hot dog/bun, French fries.
Tuesday: Macaroni and cheese, hot veggie, dinner roll.
Wednesday: Beef-R-Roni, green beans.
Thursday: Pancakes, sausage, syrup.
Friday: Pizza squares, veggie snacks.
Choice of milk and fruit each meal.
Weekly alternates: Yogurt/cheese "Fun" lunch, triple peanut butter and marshmallow sandwich, chef's salad.

YOUTH HOCKEY WINS TOURNAMENT

The Wolverines team of the Western Maine Youth Hockey league won a nine-team tournament in Winslow the weekend of Dec. 27.

The team of 8-to-10-year-olds came out on top against squads from Lewiston-Auburn, Waterville, Winslow, Fairfield and Hampden.

The WMYH program is based

at the Bridgton Ice Arena. Several Bethel-area youngsters play on teams at other levels of the program.

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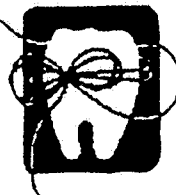
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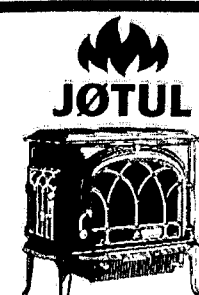
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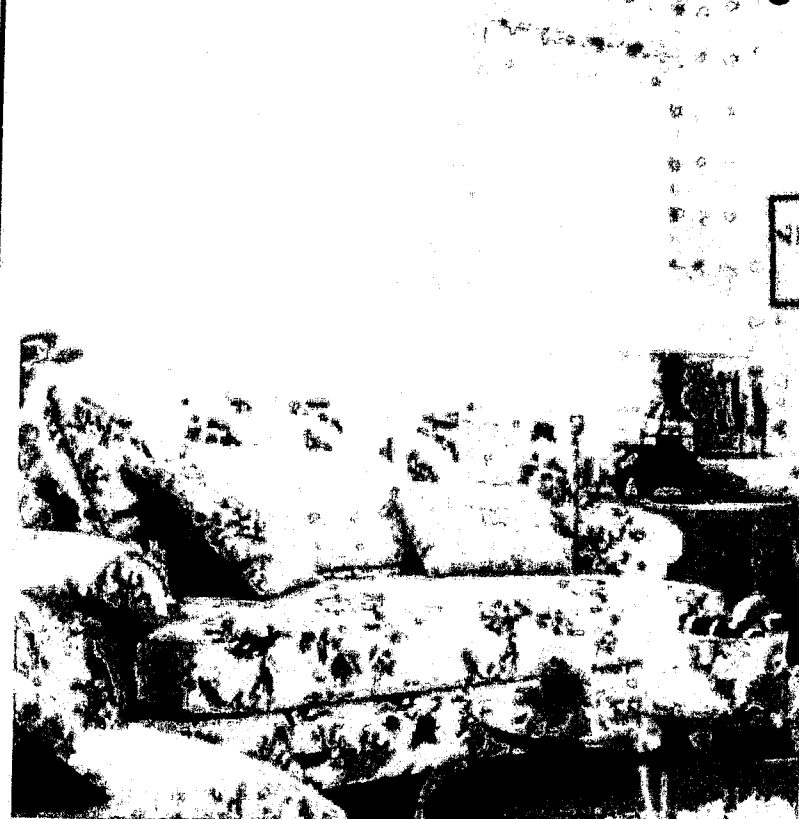
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THURSDAY EVENING JANUARY 1, 2004

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	King	'70s Show	WWE SmackDown!				News		Blind Date	5th Wheel
(32)	Trista & Ryan	Trista & Ryan	Trista & Ryan	Trista & Ryan	Trista & Ryan	Trista & Ryan	Trista & Ryan	Trista & Ryan	700 Club	
(6)	News	Seinfeld	Friends	Will & Grace	Scrubs	ER			News	
(8)	College Football: Rose Bowl		College Football: FedEx Orange Bowl		Florida State vs. Miami					
(10)	News-Lehrer		Great Performances		Fred Rogers: America's Favorite				Charlie Rose	
(22)	2003 Poker	2003 Poker	2003 Poker	2003 Poker	2003 Poker					
(34)	Movie: "Kickboxer"				Movie: "Mad Max"				Movie: "Mad Max"	
(18)	Friends	Ent. Tonight	Cold Case		CSI: Crime Son		Without a Trace		News	
(41)	Tailgate	Football	Best Damn Sports Show Period				Sports	Sports	Best Damn Sports Show	
(15)	Star Wars: Episode II		Inside the NFL		Movie: "Spider-Man"				Real Sex: Let It	
(17)	So Raven	So Raven	So Raven	So Raven	So Raven	So Raven	So Raven	So Raven	So Raven	
(18)	Movie: "Batman Forever" Cont'd		Movie: "Scooby-Doo"				Movie: "Executive Decision"			
(20)	NHL Hockey: Toronto Maple Leafs at Boston Bruins				Overtime		ESPNNews		ESPNNews	
(44)	"A Will of Their Own"		Movie: "Undue Influence"							
(5)	Seinfeld	Friends	Movie: "Life"				Movie: "Money Talks"			
(24)	Grown Up	SpongeBob	Oddparents	Sabrina	Full House	Full House	Cosby	Cosby	Roseanne	Roseanne
(25)	"The Longest Day"		Movie: "Zulu"						Movie: "Stalag 17"	
(26)	Monk		Monk		Monk				Law & Order	
(27)	Third Watch		Biography		Movie: "Mississippi Burning"				Justice	
(12)	Becker	Home Imp.	Movie: "She-Devil"				News		Becker	Will-Grace
(39)	CNN Presents		Paula Zahn Now		Larry King Live		NewsNight-Aaron Brown		Lou Dobbs Tonight	

FRIDAY EVENING JANUARY 2, 2004

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	King	'70s Show	Movie: "Fled"				News		Blind Date	5th Wheel
(32)	7th Heaven		Movie: "Housesitter"				Whose? Whose?		700 Club	
(6)	News	Seinfeld	Dateline NBC		Dateline NBC		Third Watch		News	
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	College Football: Tostitos Fiesta Bowl - Kansas State vs. Ohio State							
(10)	News-Lehrer		Wash Wk	Maine	Keeping Up	Time Goes	Fawly T.	Wall	Now With Bill Moyers	
(22)	Football		College Basketball: Villanova at Kansas				2003 Poker		World-Poker	
(34)	Star Trek: Next Gener.		Star Trek: Next Gener.		Star Trek: Next Gener.		Star Trek: Next Gener.		CSI: Crime Son	
(18)	Friends	Ent. Tonight	Michael Jackson No. 1		JAG		Handler		News	
(41)	Tailgate	NBA Basketball: Indiana Pacers at Boston Celtics					Sports	Sports	Best Damn Sports Show	
(15)	Inside the NFL	Curb	Curb	Curb	Curb		Curb	Curb	Curb	
(17)	So Raven	Lizzie	Movie: "Smart House"				Sister, Sis.	So Raven	Kim	Proud
(18)	"A Beautiful Mind" Cont'd		Movie: "While You Were Sleeping"				Movie: "Eraser"			
(20)	College Hockey: Quinnipiac at Providence					PGA	ESPNNews		ESPNNews	
(44)	Golden Girls		Nanny	Nanny	Movie: "Can't Hardly Wait"				Merge	
(5)	Seinfeld	Friends	Movie: "Overboard"				Movie: "The Other Sister"			
(24)	Grown Up	SpongeBob	Oddparents	Robot	Neutron	ChalkZone	Cosby	Cosby	Roseanne	Roseanne
(25)	Movie: "Zulu" Cont'd		Movie: "Colors"						"Darkman II: The Return of Durant"	
(26)	JAG		Law & Order		Law & Order		Monk		Law & Order	
(27)	Cold Case Files		Poirot		Poirot				Third Watch	
(12)	Becker	Home Imp.	Movie: "Noises Off"				News		Becker	Will-Grace
(39)	Anderson Cooper 360		Paula Zahn Now		Larry King Live		NewsNight-Aaron Brown		Lou Dobbs Tonight	

SATURDAY EVENING DECEMBER 27, 2003

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Children's Hospital		Movie: "Canadian Bacon"				News	Sanders	Walker, Texas Ranger	
(32)	Coming to America		Movie: "Fletch Lives"				Movie: "The Natural"			
(6)	Maine	Seinfeld	Boomerang		Boomerang		Boomerang		News	Sat. Night
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Movie: "The Sound of Music"							
(10)	Made In	What's for	Living Edgars: A Special		Info-Blizzard		Life on Air: David		Red Green	Red Green
(22)	Boxing	Calendar	NFL		NFL Football: Philadelphia Eagles at Washington Redskins				SportsCtr.	
(34)	Movie: "Octopussy"						WWE Velocity		WWE Confidential	
(18)	News		Movie: "Wild Wild West"				District		News	Ent. Tonight
(41)	Spruce Meadows		Beyond the Glory		Boxing, Sunday		Best Damn Sports Show		Beyond the Glory	
(15)	Two Weeks	Movie: "Strictly Business"			Movie: "National Security"		Cathouse 2		Formula 51	
(17)	So Raven	Lizzie	Movie: "Full-Court Miracle"				Sister, Sis.	Lizzie	Kim	Proud
(18)	The Substitute: Cont'd		Movie: "Liberty Stands Still"			On Set	Movie: "Antwone Fisher"			
(20)	Pregame	NHL Hockey: Boston Bruins at Tampa Bay Lightning				Overtime	Breakaway		ESPNNews	
(44)	Movie: "A Vision of Murder: The Story of Donelle"						Movie: "The Trophy Wife's Secret"		Any Day Now	
(5)	Movie: "Bad Boys"						Movie: "Gone in Sixty Seconds"		"Fire Birds"	
(24)	Neutron	Oddparents	Grown Up	Romeo!	All That	Amanda	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby
(25)	Movie: "Shane" Cont'd		Movie: "High Plains Drifter"				Movie: "Joe Kidd"			
(26)	Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		Law Order CI	
(27)	City Confidential		American Justice		Cold Case Files		American Justice		Crossing Jordan	
(12)	Fresh Pr	Fresh Pr	Fresh Pr	NBA Basketball: Washington Wizards at Chicago Bulls			News		Midnight	
(39)	Capital Gang		CNN Presents		Larry King Live		CNN Saturday Night		CNN Presents	

SUNDAY EVENING JANUARY 4, 2004

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	King	King	Movie: "Anyas Ball"				News	Phantom	Sanders	Pyramid
(32)	Movie: "Lucky 7" Cont'd		Movie: "Summer Catch"				Movie: "Picture Perfect"			
(6)	Dateline NBC		American Dreams		Law Order CI		Queer Eye-Guy		News	Maine
(8)	Funnest Home Videos		College Football: Nokia Sugar Bowl - Louisiana State vs. Oklahoma							
(10)	American Family		Nova		Masterpiece Theatre		DNA		To Contrary	Religion
(22)	College Gameday		2003 Poker		2003 Poker		World-Poker		NFL	SportsCtr
(34)	WWE Sunday Night Heat		Movie: "Point of No Return"				Extreme	Extreme	Ride	Real TV
(18)	Football	60 Minutes			Cold Case		CSI: Miami		News	Friends
(41)	See This	See This	Boxing, Sunday		Beyond the Glory		Best Damn Sports Show		Beyond the Glory	Fisherman
(15)	Movie: "My Big Fat Greek Wedding"				Sex & City		Curb		Movie: "National Security"	
(17)	So Raven	Lizzie	Movie: "A Simple Wish"				Sister, Sis.	So Raven	Kim	Proud
(18)	The Wash	Cont'd	Movie: "Frailty"				Movie: "Groundhog Day"			
(20)	NF Report	TBA	Outdoors	Outdoors	NE Journal	Camo Cnt	Divers	Ride	ESPNNews	
(44)	"When Love Kills: The Seduction of John Heath"				Division		Strong Medicine		1-800-Missing	
(5)	Demonition Man: Cont'd		Movie: "Wild Wild West"				Movie: "Wild Wild West"			
(24)	Neutron	Romeo!	Garcia	Sabrina	Full House	Full House	Cosby	Cosby	Roseanne	Roseanne
(25)	No Way Out: Cont'd		Movie: "Internal Affairs"				Movie: "White Palace"			
(26)	Deep End-Out		Movie: "The Firm"						Law & Order	
(27)	Crossing Jordan		Movie: "My Cousin Vinny"				Meet the Royals		Cold Case	
(12)	Mutant X		Andromeda		X-Files		News	Replay	Matlock	
(39)	Person	People	CNN Presents		Larry King Live		CNN Sunday Night		CNN Presents	

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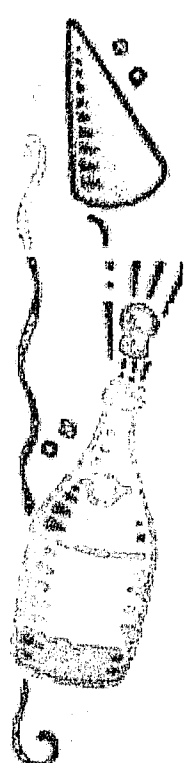
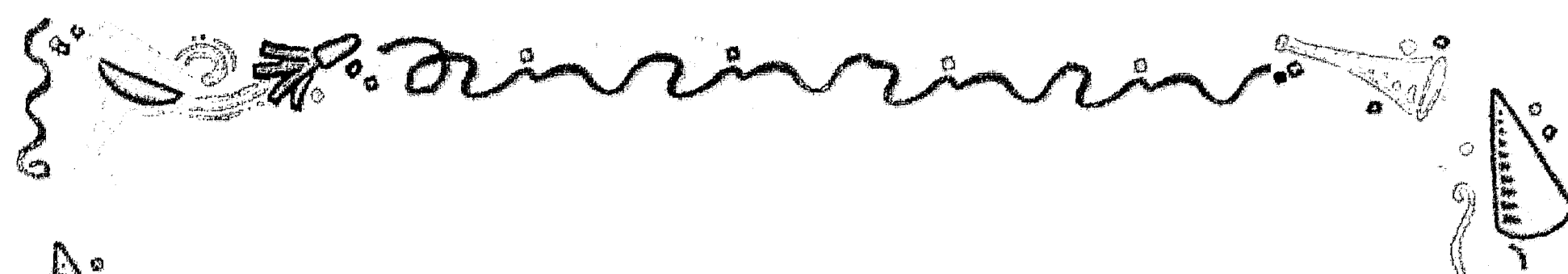
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(3)	King	'70s Show	Parkers	Eve	Girlfriends	Half & Half	News		Blind Date	5th Wheel
(32)	7th Heaven		Movie: "Hope Floats"				Whose? Whose?		700 Club	
(6)	News	Seinfeld	Fear Factor		Las Vegas		Average Joe: Hawaii		News	
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Movie: "Cast Away"							
(10)	News-Lehrer		Antiques Roadshow		American Experience				Charlie Rose	
(22)	College Basketball: Texas at Providence				College Basketball: Kansas at Colorado				SportsCenter	
(34)	Star Trek: Next Gener.		Star Trek: Next Gener.		WWE Raw				Extreme	Extreme
(18)	Friends	Ent. Tonight	Yes, Dear	Still	Raymond	Two Men	CSI: Miami		News	
(41)	NBA Basketball: Detroit Pistons at Boston Celtics				Postgame	Sports	Sports		Best Damn Sports Show	
(15)	Real Sports		Movie: "The Banger Sisters"				Movie: "Crimson Tide"			
(17)	Sister, Sis.	Lizzie	Movie: "D3: The Mighty Ducks"				Sister, Sis.	Boy World	Kim	Proud
(18)	Day I Will Never Forget		Movie: "Old School"			On Set	Movie: "Murder by Numbers"			
(20)	Outdoors	Outdoors	NE Journal	Camo Cnt	Divers	Ride	ESPNNews		ESPNNews	
(44)	Golden	Golden	Nanny	Nanny	Movie: "Mistaken Identity"				Golden	Golden
(5)	Seinfeld	Friends	Movie: "Love Potion No. 9"				Movie: "Betsy's Wedding"			
(24)	Rugrats	SpongeBob	Oddparents	Sabrina	Full House	Roseanne	Cosby	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne
(25)	"Internal Affairs" Cont'd		Movie: "Jaws 2"				"Beneath the Planet of the Apes"			
(26)	JAG		Law & Order		Movie: "Dante's Peak"				Law & Order	
(27)	American Justice		Michael Jackson Case		House of Dreams		Airline	Airline	Third Watch	
(12)	Becker	Home Imp.	McCloud				News		Becker	Will-Grace
(39)	Anderson Cooper 360		Paula Zahn Now		Larry King Live		NewsNight-Aaron Brown		Lou Dobbs Tonight	

TUESDAY EVENING JANUARY 6, 2004

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	King	'70s Show	One	All of Us	Rock Me	Girlfriends	News		Blind Date	5th Wheel
(32)	7th Heaven		Movie: "Beverly Hills Cop II"				Whose? Whose?		700 Club	
(6)	News	Seinfeld	Morgan	Whoopi	Frasier	Happy	Law & Order		News	
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	8 Rules	Im With	Jim	Less Than	Line of Fire		News	
(10)	News-Lehrer		Nova		American Experience				Charlie Rose	
(22)	College Basketball: Indiana at Wisconsin				College Basketball: Louisiana State at Arkansas				SportsCenter	
(34)	Star Trek: Next Gener.		Star Trek: Next Gener.		Oblivious	Oblivious	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme
(18)	Friends	Ent. Tonight	Navy NCIS		Guardian		Judging Amy		News	
(41)	Sports	Football	Best Damn Sports Show Period		Football		Sports	Sports	Best Damn Sports Show	
(15)	Movie: "Showtime"				Movie: "The Ring"				Curb	Sex & City
(17)	Sister, Sis.	Lizzie	Movie: "The Even Stevens Movie"				Sister, Sis.	Boy World	Kim	Proud
(18)	"From Hell" Cont'd		Movie: "Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood"				Movie: "The Saint"			
(20)	College Basketball: St. Joseph's at Richmond				Wild World of Winter		Red Sox	ESPNNews	ESPNNews	
(44)	Golden	Golden	Nanny	Nanny	Movie: "A Mother's Testimony"				Golden	Golden
(5)	Seinfeld	Friends	Movie: "Deep Blue Sea"				Movie: "Contact"			
(24)	Rugrats	SpongeBob	Oddparents	Sabrina	Full House	Full House	Cosby	Cosby	Roseanne	Roseanne
(25)	Conquest-Planet of Apes		Movie: "The Terminator"				Movie: "The Terminator"			
(26)	JAG		Law & Order		Movie: "GoldenEye"					
(27)	American Justice		Biography		Martha Stewart: Ruin		Cold Case Files		Third Watch	
(12)	Becker	Home Imp.	McCloud				News		Becker	Will-Grace
(39)	Anderson Cooper 360		Paula Zahn Now		Larry King Live		NewsNight-Aaron Brown		Lou Dobbs Tonight	

WEDNESDAY EVENING JANUARY 7, 2004

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
(3)	King	'70s Show	Star Trek: Enterprise		Jake 2.0		News		Blind Date	5th Wheel	
(32)	7th Heaven	Movie: "The Sandlot"					Whose?	Whose?	700 Club		
6	News	Seinfeld	Ed		West Wing		Law & Order		News		
8	Fortune	Jeopardy!	My Wife	It's Relative	Life After Ext. Makeover		Celebrity Mole Yucatan		News		
10	News-Lehrer		Great Performances		American Experience			Charlie Rose			
(22)	College Basketball: Miami at North Carolina			NBA Basketball: Golden State Warriors at Dallas Mavericks							SportsCtr.
(34)	Star Trek: Next Gener.		Star Trek: Next Gener.		Movie: "Platoon"						Extreme
18	Friends	Ent. Tonight	60 Minutes II		King	Becker	48 Hours Investigates		News		
(41)	NBA Basketball: Orlando Magic at Boston Celtics				Postgame		Sports	Sports	Best Damn Sports Show		
(15)	"Behind Enemy Lines"		Real Sports		Sex & City	Curb	Inside the NFL		"National Security"		
(17)	Sister, Sis.	Lizzie	Movie: "Rip Girls"		Recess		Sister, Sis.	Boy World	Kim	Proud	
(18)	"Escape From L.A."		Movie: "Dangerous Minds"				Movie: "Old School"		Best Sex		
(20)	Pregame	NHL Hockey: Boston Bruins at Detroit Red Wings				Overtime		College Basketball			
(44)	Golden	Golden	Nanny	Nanny	Movie: "Deconstructing Sarah"				Golden	Golden	
(5)	Seinfeld	Friends	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Ripley's Believe It or Not!		Movie: "The Craft"				
(24)	Rugrats	SpongeBob	Oddparents	Sabrina	Full House	Full House	Cosby	Cosby	Roseanne	Roseanne	
(25)	"The Terminator" Cont'd		Movie: "Dr. No"						Bond Girls Are Forever		Enemy
(26)	JAG	Law & Order			Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		
(27)	American Justice		Biography		American Justice		Michael Jackson Case		Third Watch		
(12)	Becker	Home Imp.	McCloud					News		Becker	Will-Grace
(39)	Anderson Cooper 360		Paula Zahn Now		Larry King Live		NewsNight-Aaron Brown		Lou Dobbs Tonight		



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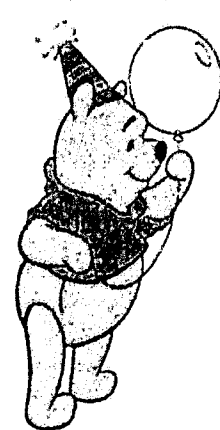
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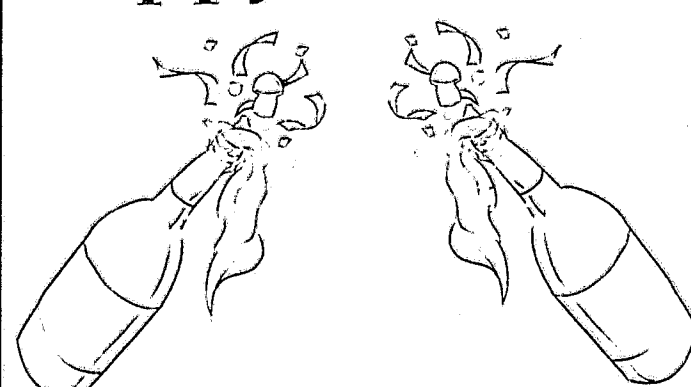
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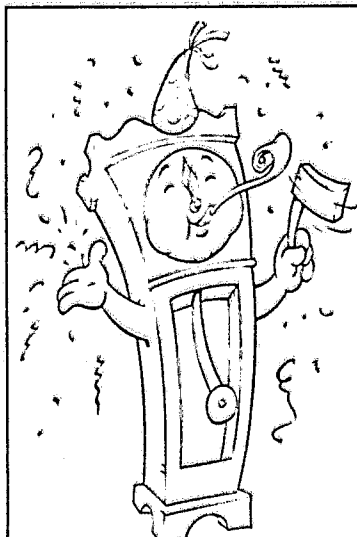
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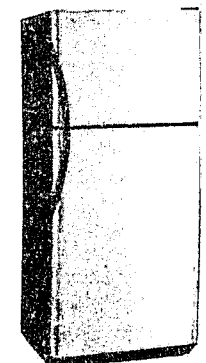
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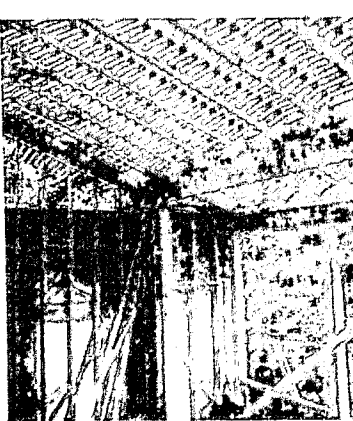
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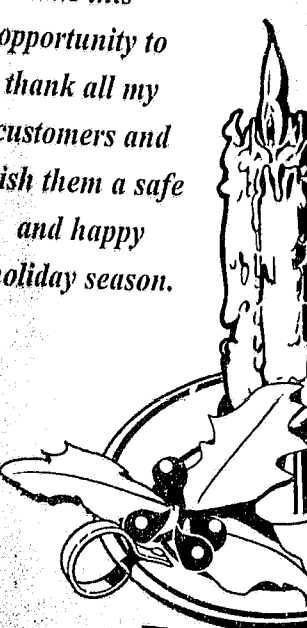
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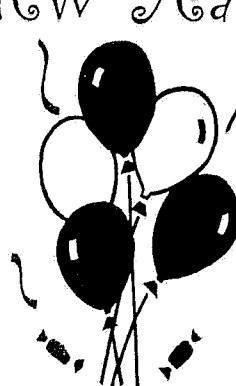
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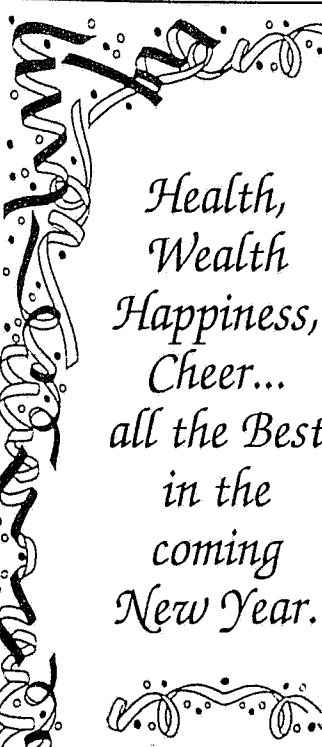
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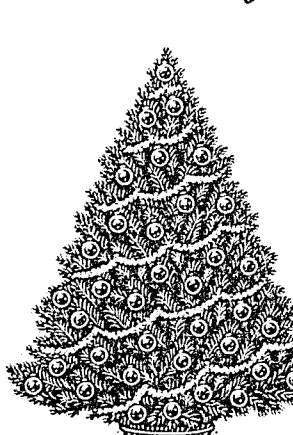
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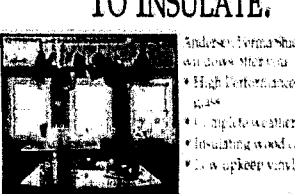
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Events Calendar

Public Computer Access — Hours at the SAD44 Adult Learning Center, Philbrook Street, Bethel are: Monday and Wednesday, 9 to 12 a.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 4 to 7 p.m. for academic instruction and GED preparation, as well as use of the computer lab.

Seniors Lunch every Tuesday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m., at Bethel Methodist Church, Main Street, sponsored by SeniorsPlus. Donation for 60 and older and spouses, \$2.50; all other guests, \$4. Reservations important. For information, menus, reservations, call 824-3168 (also the number to call to apply for Meals on Wheels).

9 a.m. (Fridays) — Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge at Fare Share Food Coop, 443 Main Street, Norway. All bridge players invited to attend and bring a friend or two. Refreshments. For more information, call Mimi Bell (743-8081) or Rowena Palmer (743-2882) or e-mail bridge@megalink.net.

Thru Dec. 18 — "Language of Hands" photography exhibit by Sally Taylor at Owen Art Gallery, Gould Academy. Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free.

Tuesdays, 12 to 2 p.m. — Watercolor class, Ruthie's Dress Shop, Bethel. FMI: call 759-1895 (toll free pager)

Thursday, Jan. 1

Sunday River Community Day for residents of SAD44 (Andover, Bethel, Greenwood, Newry, Woodstock). Free skiing and riding, free rentals, free 1st Experience Learn to Ski or Ride clinic for ages 15 and above with re-registration required, and 50 percent off food at resort food courts.

Friday, Jan. 2

7 to 9 p.m. — **The Commons Art Collective** opening reception of retrospective show of photographic work by Alan Day at Fare Share Commons, 447 Main Street, Norway. The exhibit will continue through Jan. 31. FMI: 743-0165.

Saturday, Jan. 3

5:30 p.m. — **Public Supper** at Bethel Methodist Church. Adults, \$5, children under 12, \$2.50.

Tuesday, Jan. 6

6 p.m. — **StepFast to Goal** (Giving Over Appetite to the Lord) will meet weekly for 12 weeks at Thurlow Hall, Perkins Valley Road, South Woodstock. Registration fee: \$25 or \$60 for family of three or more includes seminar materials, recipes and samples. FMI: call Tia at 539-4108.

Thursday, Jan. 8

7 p.m. — **Public Interest Forum, "Our Air, Our Water, Our Diseases"** at Norway Memorial Library, Main Street, Norway.

Questions and discussion will be welcomed after presentation. FMI: call 928-2375 or 743-6159.

7:30 p.m. — Gould Academy's Performing Arts Series presents: **Cherish the Ladies, Traditional Irish Music** at Bingham Hall, Church Street. Tickets on sale at door: \$6 for adults, \$4 for students. FMI: 824-3575.

Friday, Jan. 9

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. — **Free Workshops in college planning, financial aid, career decision making and study skills** offered by Maine Educational Opportunity Center at University College at Rumford/Mexico. Call (800) 281-3703 for more information and to register. Pre-registration required.

7:30 p.m. — **"50 Years Alive: Alan Day and Friends."** An evening of theater, music, dance at The Forum of Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School, South Paris. Free and open to the public. Donations box set up. Chem-free.

Saturday, Jan. 10

4 to 5:30 p.m. — **Petition Day** sponsored by Oxford County Democrats. Pizza Party reception with Congressman Mike Michaud at Fare Share commons, Main Street, Norway. Contact Cathy Newell at 875-2116 or cathy@megalink.net for petition forms or information.

Sunday, Jan. 11

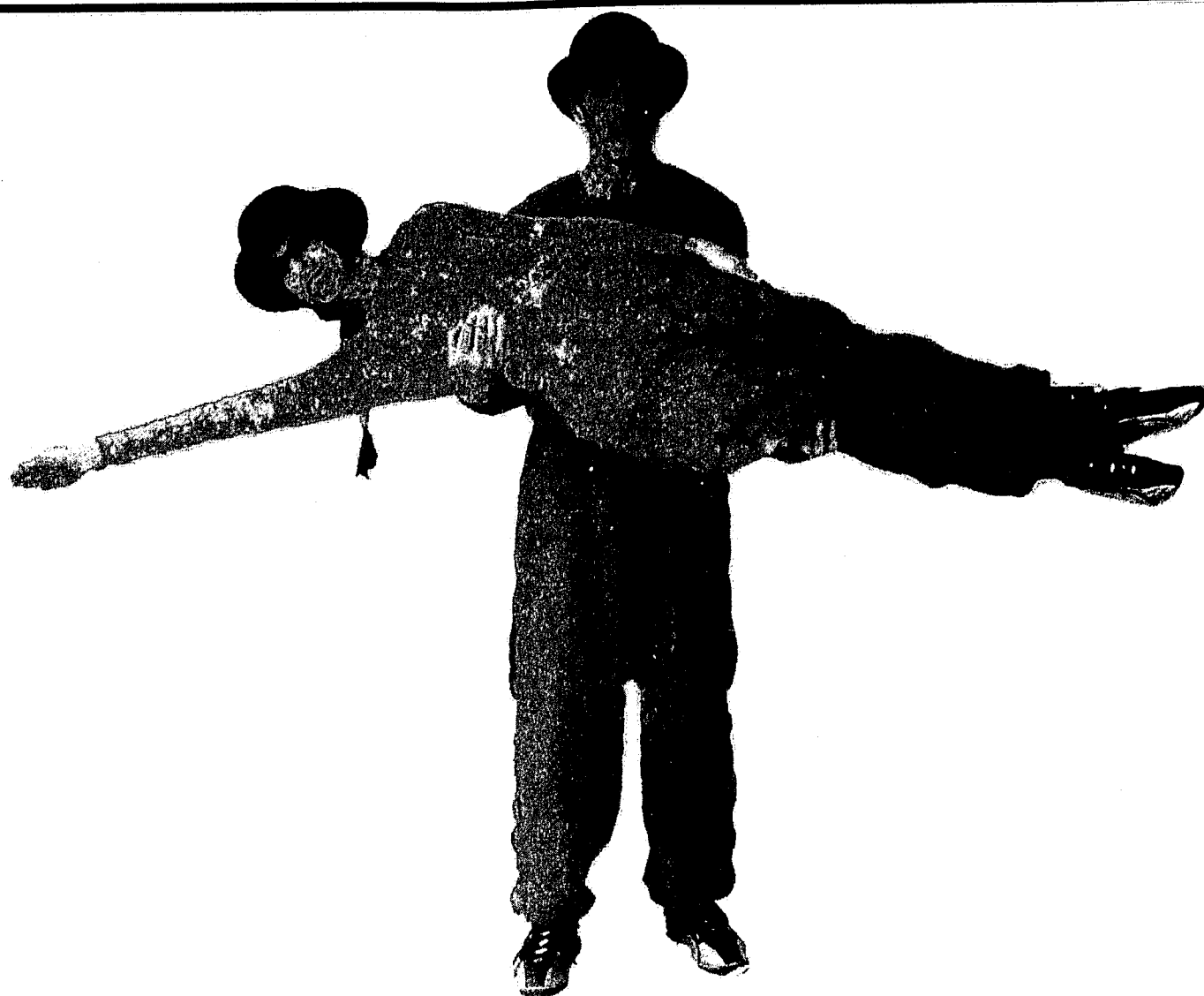
1 p.m. — **The Old Timers' Event** at Carter's Cross-Country Ski Center, Bethel. \$12 fee event consists of a 5k or 10k loop classic or freestyle option for Old Timers. For 13 and under, there will be a shorter race and tour options available. Bethel Outing Club Bill Koch youth ski group will meet at this event.

Monday, Jan. 12

6:30 p.m. — **Tri-Town Auxiliary** meeting at Ambulance Barn, West Paris.

Tuesday, Jan. 13

5:30 to 6:30 p.m. — **Juggling Workshop**. 7 p.m. — **"Double Vision,"** physical comedy performance at Grand Ballroom, Grand Summit Resort Hotel, Sunday River Ski Resort, Newry. Tickets: students, \$4 in advance and \$6 at door; adults, \$6 and \$8. For tickets and information, call 824-3575.



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For Tickets & FMI Call: 207 824-3575

Wednesday, Jan. 14
11 a.m. — Bethel Senior Citizens Club meeting/dinner at The Sudbury Inn, Main Street, Bethel. Cost: \$7.50.

Friday, Jan. 16

1 to 6 p.m. — **American Red Cross Blood Drive** at Sunday River Ski Resort, South Ridge.

Sunday, Jan. 18

1 p.m. — **Basket Bingo** at Jackson-Silver American Legion Post, Locke Mills. Doors open at 11 a.m. Tickets: \$10 for 16 bingo games, available in advance. Light lunch, snacks. Door prizes, raffle baskets, consolation prizes. FMI: Hanna (665-2265), Lori (527-2170) or Wes (665-2228).

Thursday, Jan. 22

5 p.m. — Oxford County

Democrats meeting, potluck supper and Caucus Training at Paris Town Office Meeting Room, Main Street, South Paris. Snow date: Friday, Jan. 23. FMI: Cathy Newell at 875-2116 or cathy@megalink.net.

Monday, Jan. 26

1 to 7 p.m. — **American Red Cross Blood Drive** at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Route 5, Fryeburg.

Saturday, Jan. 31

Noon — **Fourth annual Androscoggin River Polar Plunge** at Bethel Outdoor Adventure and Campground. Proceeds for Bethel Fire Department and Telstar Regional High School girls' softball team.

Ice-Carving Demonstration at Bethel Common.

Jan. 31-Feb. 1

4th annual Snowmobile show and Radar Run at Bethel Airport. Warm food and beverage provided by Bethel Fire Department. FMI: call Chamber at 824-2282 or Sun Valley Sports at 824-7533.

2 to 4 p.m. — **Hot-Air Balloon event** at Bethel Airport. Paid rides available on space available basis. Call 824-2282 for more information.

Saturday, Feb. 7

11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. — **Fourth annual Great Snowbox Derby** at Bethel Inn Cross Country Ski and Snowshoe Center.

Sunday, Feb. 8

Democratic Party Caucuses throughout Oxford County. For complete list of

convenors, times and locations, visit www.mainedems.org or watch for notices in local papers.

Community Day at Sunday River Ski Resort for residents of SAD44. Free skiing and riding, free rentals, a free 1st Experience Learn to Ski or Ride clinic for ages 15 and above with pre-registration required, and 50 percent off food at resort food courts.

Sunday, Feb. 15

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. — **Oxford County ARC 29th annual Ride-In 2004** sponsored by Northern Oxford County Snowmobile and local service clubs. Raffle drawing at 12:30 p.m. FMI: call 364-4561 for place, etc.

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The Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Church Community Service Center announces that individuals or families requiring assistance with food needs in the South Woodstock, Bryant Pond, West Paris and Sumner areas are invited to call 674-2566, 674-2663, or 665-2226 to learn more details.

MS SELF-HELP GROUP

Meets the first Friday of the month from 1-2:30pm at the West Parish Congregational Church, next to Gould Academy. For more information, call Gale Tout at 836-2900.

MENTAL ILLNESS SUPPORT GROUP

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5pm; Tuesday 9am-2pm; Wednesday 9am-8pm; Wednesday 3-8pm; Friday 2-7pm; Saturday 11am-4pm. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8am-4pm. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

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Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, first and third Wednesday each month. 9-12 noon (743-6300); Rumford Employ. Sec. Bldg. (364-3718), second and fourth Wednesday 9-12 noon; Lewiston (795-4590), 200 Main St., 7:30am to 4pm. Monday thru Friday. Location: Monday-Sunday School 2:45-4:15pm. Tel. 392-4841. (new members welcome).

Library Hours

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, Wednesday and Saturday, 1-4:30pm; Wednesday 6-8pm. Tel. 392-4841

Bethel Library: Monday 9am-1pm; Tuesday. 1-5pm; Wednesday 1-8pm; Thursday & Friday 1-5pm; Saturday, 9-1pm. Story Hour Mondays, 10-11am October to May. Michelle Conroy, Librarian. 824-2520

Crescent Park Elementary School: Open every Wednesday evening from 6-8pm to the public.

Hamlin Memorial Library, Paris Hill: Tuesday-Friday 11:30-5:30; Saturday 10-2; Wednesday evening, 7-9pm. Tel. 743-2980

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel. 665-2505. Tuesday 1:30-5pm; Wednesday 1:30-7pm.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-5pm; Wednesday 1:30-7pm; Friday 1:30-5pm. 674-2004

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 10-12 through July and August.

Upton Library: Saturdays 9-11am

ALBANY

Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 Wednesdays at the church.

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First Congregational Church Pastor Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 a.m. followed by coffee fellowship. Tuesday - Sunday School 3-4:15 for children through grade 5. Produce donated to hungry families. All are welcome. Wednesday, choir practice at 6:30. All are welcome.

Calvary Bible Church - Pastor John O'Keefe. Winter hours: Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m.; morning worship 10:15 to noon. Wednesday bible study and prayer meeting 6:30 p.m., Route 5, S. Andover. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - 10 a.m. worship. Sunday School at 9 a.m. Evening fellowship and youth ministries at 6 p.m. on Sundays. Prayer fellowship 7 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Church of the Nazarene - Pastor Chuck Mason, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School (2 hours, including recreation activities; call 824-4028 for transportation). 10:30 a.m. morning worship. 6 p.m. evening service. 824-4028 (voice mail) or 824-7289 FMI.

West Parish Congregational - Rev. Daniel Johnson. 10:30 a.m. worship. Nursery care provided. Prayer, Tuesday, 8 a.m. FMI call 824-8860.

Our Lady of the Snows - Mass - Saturday, 5 p.m. through the end of March. Pastor: Rev. Gerald A. Levesque. 743-2606

United Methodist - Geoffrey Gross, Pastor. 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. There is also an adult study group during Sunday School.

West Bethel Union - a.m. worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. For information, call 836-2844 or 836-2882. Rev. Earl H. Bell.

Pleasant Valley Bible - Pastor Clifford McMullen. 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10 a.m. worship. 836-2828.

Episcopal House Church - Holy communion service the third or fourth Sunday of every month at 4 p.m. at 38 Chapman Street. For further information, call the Reverend Gwenth Bohr at 824-2913.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Worship at 10 a.m. Sunday. Bible study at 11 a.m. 824-3577 FMI.

Disciples of Christ Fellowship - 10:30 a.m. first four Saturdays of each month. Services held in the dining hall of the West Parish Congregational Church. Contact George Weber, 892-0779.

EAST STONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish - North Waterford Congregational Church & Stoneham Congregational Church - Sunday worship services 10 a.m. at North Waterford (through the winter). Sunday School, 10 a.m. Rev. George Frobig.

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Assembly of God - Pastor Paul Levigen. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. FMI 603-466-2851.

HARRISON

Bolster's Mills United Methodist Church - Bolster's Mills Road, Harrison, Maine. Rev. Walter R. Brown, Pastor. Sunday worship at 8:45 a.m. Church school 10:15 a.m. for kids kindergarten - grade 12. Call 583-9024 or 998-7040 for more info.

LOCKE MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Rev. Michael Johnson. Worship will be held at 10 a.m.

NEWRY

Newry Community Church - Sunday worship service 9 a.m. Rodney H. Hanscom, pastor. (Services in the church will resume in April).

NORWAY/PARIS

Christian Science Society - Sunday service 10 a.m., Wed. Testimony service 7:30 p.m. Call 824-4099 for info or ride.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church - Route 117N, S. Paris. Pastor Tom Teichmann. Sunday morning service 9 a.m. with coffee fellowship immediately after.

North Paris Federation - Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service 8 a.m. Pastor Bruce Tyner. 674-2968. Singersperation third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m.

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers) - Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. Children's program, 9:40 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, S. Paris. Call 583-2780 for more information.

Christ Episcopal Church - 35 Paris St., Sunday services at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.; Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.; Healing service with communion 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday. Rev. Anne Stanley. Call 743-6782 for more information.

First Baptist Church of Paris - On the Common at the top of Paris Hill. 10:30 a.m. worship service. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour will follow the service. Fellowship lunch will be held the first Sunday of each month following worship. Pastor Ron Blake.

RUMFORD

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church - Mass, 9:30 a.m. Rev. Canon Henry Male, Jr. Special holidays will be announced. Stone church at the rotary.

RUMFORD CENTER

Praise Assembly of God - Pastor Justin Thacker. Sunday School 9:00 a.m., Sunday worship service at 10:00 a.m. Sunday prayer meeting at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday night bible study at 7:00 p.m. East Andover Rd. For more information, call 364-3856.

RUMFORD POINT

Rumford Point Church - Sunday service, Sunday School, 8:30 a.m. Pastor Michael F. Johnson.

SUMNER

East Sumner Congregational - Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday service, 9 a.m.

WEST PARIS

Unitarian Universalist Church of West Paris - UU Rev. Jo Gasta, 9 a.m. worship (Sept. - mid - June). 674-2365.

West Paris Baptist - Sunday Worship 9:15 a.m., Bruce Tyner, Pastor. Adult Education and Sunday School 10:15 a.m., Sunday evening worship with Bible reading 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday evening choir practice at 6 followed by prayer meeting and Bible study, 7 p.m. (Third Sunday of each month, Singerspiration alternating between North Paris Federated and West Paris Baptist.)

West Paris Congregational Church - Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday Worship 11 a.m.; Sunday School 10 a.m.

WOODSTOCK

Bryant Pond Baptist - Rev. Ivan Hatch (interim), Sundays: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.; Adult Bible Fellowship 9:15 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service 6:00 p.m.; Wednesdays: Kid's hour 6:30 p.m.; Prayer meeting & bible study 6:30 p.m.

Woodstock Seventh day Adventist - Pastor Richard Wright (207-797-9678), Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

Pinhook Meeting House (Rt. 232, North Woodstock) - Hymn Sing, last Friday of each month, 7 p.m. All welcome.

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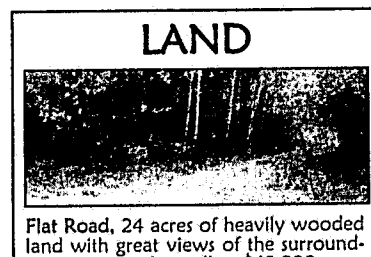
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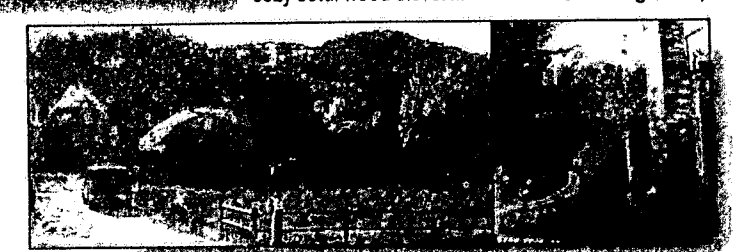
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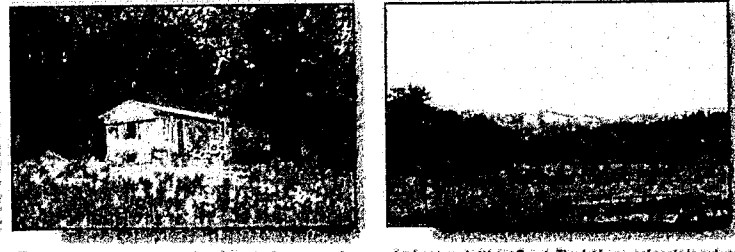
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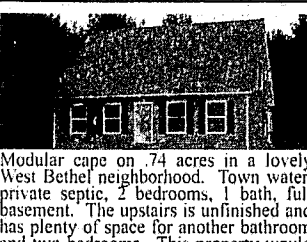
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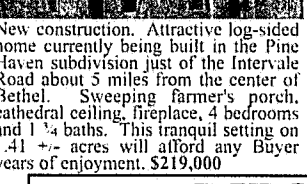
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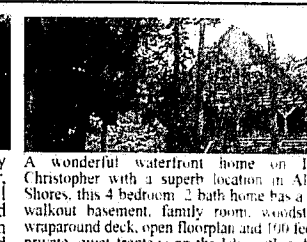
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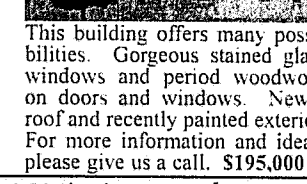
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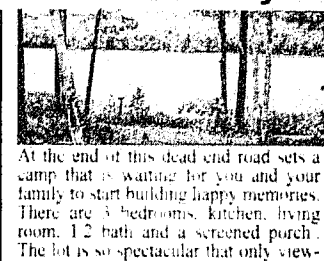
New construction. Attractive log-sided home currently being built in the Pine Haven subdivision just off the Intervale Road about 5 miles from the center of Bethel. Sweeping farmer's porch, cathedral ceiling, fireplace, 4 bedrooms and 1 1/2 baths. This tranquil setting on 1.41 +/- acres will afford any Buyer years of enjoyment. \$219,000



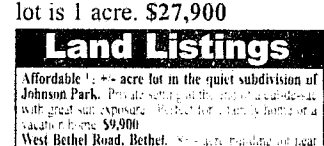
A wonderful waterfront home on Lake Christopher with a superb location in Alpine Shores, this 4 bedroom 2 bath home has a lot, wrap-around deck, open floorplan and 100 feet of private, quiet frontage on the lake with a dock. Pine interior, low maintenance and \$449,000



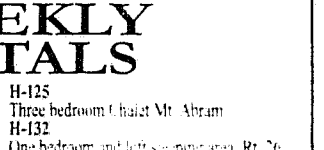
This building offers many possibilities. Gorgeous stained glass windows and period woodwork on doors and windows. Newer roof and recently painted exterior. For more information and ideas, please give us a call. \$195,000



At the end of this dead end road sits a camp that is waiting for you and your family to start building happy memories. There are 3 bedrooms, kitchen, living room, 1 1/2 bath, and a screened porch. The lot is so spectacular that only viewing it will do it justice. \$195,000



Affordable living in this 2 bedroom mobile home on High Street in West Paris. The lot is 1 acre. \$27,900



Land Listings
Affordable 1 +/- acre lot in the quiet subdivision of Johnson Park. This property includes a 2 bedroom, 1 bath, full basement, and a large deck. \$59,900
West Bethel Road, Bethel. New log building on 100 +/- acres. \$249,000
Hunt's Corner Road, Albany. 100 +/- acres of rolling land with a 2 bedroom, 1 bath, full basement. \$389,000
Maki Lane in Greenwood. 22 +/- acres of rolling land with a 2 bedroom, 1 bath, full basement. \$419,000
COMMERCIAL potential - 100 +/- acres of rolling land with a 2 bedroom, 1 bath, full basement. \$419,000

NIGHTLY/WEEKLY WINTER RENTALS

OH Studio and one bedroom condo Bethel	H-97 Three bedroom house Mayville Rd. Bethel	H-125 Three bedroom house Mt. Abram
SR-12 Three bedroom condo South Ridge, Sunday River	H-98 One bedroom with a Mayville Rd. Bethel	H-132 One bedroom and 1 1/2 sleeping area Rt. 26 Grafton Notch, Newry
SR-13 Two bedroom condo South Ridge, Sunday River	H-134 Two bedroom house with study Mayville Rd. Bethel	H-141 Three bedroom 4000 sq. ft. Village Sunday River
CH Two bedroom condo Chamberlain Resort, Hanover	H-113 Three bedroom house Johnson Park, Bethel	H-142 Four bedroom house Grafton Road Woodstock
	H-114 Five bedroom house Timberline Dr. Sunday River	

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Birch Rd, Mt. Abram: Nestled in the pines in the heart of ski country is this 3BR, 2 bath vacation or year-round chalet. Big sliding glass doors that lead to a deck, large brick hearth and best of all, within walking distance to the slopes of Mt. Abram! Call today, ski season is almost here!! \$129,000



Rte 232, Rumford: Admired by all who have driven by, this mini-farm with in-ground pool can be yours! Lovely horse pasture, two stall barn and nicely renovated and updated farmhouse make this seven acre offering one-of-a-kind. Ski areas and river recreation are only a few short miles away. \$365,000



Mt. Abram Village, Greenwood: Location, Location, Location! A short stroll to Mt. Abram & just a few minutes drive to Sunday River, this brand new authentic log home has a spacious LR w cath. ceiling, fireplace & wood floors. Drenched in sunlight from windows above, 1st floor has foyer, kitchen, dining area, 2BR's & full bath. Master BR & bath on 2nd floor and walk-out basement has 600sq ft. of future expansion. \$212,900



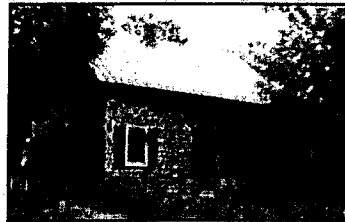
Rte. 2, Bethel: Views of the Androscoggin River, its own fish pond, plus this ranch sits on the outskirts of Bethel on the main route to Sunday River! With lots of natural wood paneling and cabinetry, 3BR's, bath with Jacuzzi & double-sided fireplace, it's the perfect ski house or summer river activities retreat. \$169,900



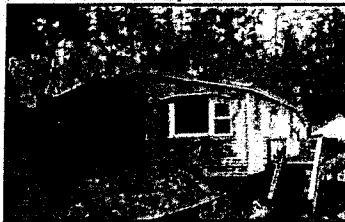
Heikkinen Road, Woodstock: Charm abounds in this mid-nineteenth century colonial that retains much of its original style with a newer addition. Antique wood floors, ceilings and clawfoot tub transport to another era. You must ask for a showing to see everything this house has to offer. \$134,000



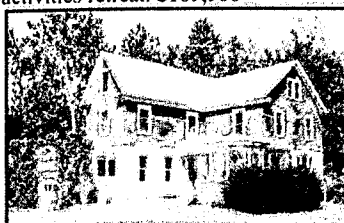
Mt. Abram Skiway, Greenwood: Two-family chalet has seasonal slope views of Mt. Abram within a short walk to the slopes. Besides a kitchen, bedroom and 1/2 bath, the ground level has a spacious LR/DR combo complete with hearth and woodstove. Main unit also has that PLUS an additional 2 bedrooms on the upper floor, for a total of 4 bedrooms in the house. Occupy one unit and rent the other! \$124,000



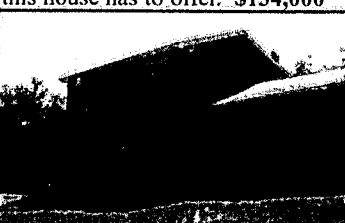
Rte. 2, Rumford Point: With a large eat-in kitchen, living room, 1/2 bath & laundry on the first floor, and 2 BR's & full bath on the 2nd floor, this house is a bargain for its price! Add a yard full of lilacs and a newer 8x12 shed, and you can't go wrong for only \$59,900



Baker Rd, Albany: Live in the Songo Pond community & enjoy being only yards from the lake, with taxes under \$300!! 3BR's, 1 1/2 baths, skylights, deck & only minutes from Bethel and Sunday River. This ranch is a very attractive offering at only \$89,900



Birch St, Bryant Pond: "Grandeur on the Lake" best describes this stately ninety-year-old waterfront. Come take a tour of the restored wooden floors, built-in china hutch, grand stone fireplace, 5 BR's, two garages, turret front porch & much, much more. Picture yourself sipping lemonade on the screened porch overlooking 260' of serene lake frontage! Call us on this one. \$469,000



Patch Mtn Rd, Greenwood: Quiet, pristine location on the banks of the Sanborn River with Oversett Pond not too far away. Come to view this 4BR, 2 bath home with lg. garage and see how easily you can picture your family in this serene spot. \$169,900



Perkins Valley Rd, Woodstock: Three buildings triple the possibilities for this property convenient to both the Woodstock Bethel & Norway Paris areas. Nicely renovated main house boasts 3BR's plus attached 1BR apt, the newer 10 unit self-storage bldg, has excellent rental history and the separate mobile home produces add'l rental income. Let others pay the mortgage! \$125,000



Prospect Ave, Rumford: If you have always wanted to be your own boss then this may be for you; ice cream sandwich shop, has inside seating for ten people, sits on a major route and has been a profitable business for years! Sell ice cream in the summer and head someplace warm in the winter!! Price includes all the inventory and equipment. \$125,000



Johnson Park, Bethel: You will NOT be disappointed when you view this large, wonderful newer home with its farmers porch and breathtaking mountain views. This 3 BR two-story beauty has a 3 bay garage with space for an in-law apt or huge studio game room. Lots of space and a great location convenient to both Mt. Abram and Sunday River. Call today. \$239,000



Bethel: With TLC and an adventurous spirit, someone could realize this house's true potential. Very conveniently located en route to ski areas and river and lake recreation. Comfortably priced and recently reduced to \$52,500



Main St, Greenwood: Frontage on Alder River! Known as the Houghton House in the town's history books, this period Greek revival cape needs restoration to bring back its former glory. Tin ceilings, hardwood floors, 4+ bedrooms, encl. porch & hot tub room overlooking the river & boat dock make it worth a look at only \$79,900



Sandy River, Starks: Picture your own private beach, 1600 ft. on the Sandy River and a beautifully remodeled 5BR, 3 Bath farmhouse. New dormers, new clapboards & paint, new roof shingles, all new wiring, new plumbing, new furnace, new 72 ft. farmer's porch and much, much more! All this on 49 acres with large well-maintained barn, silo, detached garage and pond. Only \$149,000



Paradise Road, Bethel: Three acres of nicely wooded and private land on desirable Paradise Road! This parcel would make a beautiful house lot or give us a call today because this is a "must see" piece of property! Price just reduced to \$29,900



Route 5, Albany Township: Just over fourteen acres in low tax county, yet only minutes to Bethel Village! Nicely wooded land to build your dream home or subdivide into individual lots. The choice is yours for only \$39,900

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OAK HILL SUBDIVISION
If you are looking for that special piece of property to build your dream home or vacation retreat, we have the property you are looking for. The views of Lake Christopher and the surrounding mountains are breathtaking from Oak Hill. Come and see the panorama and get the details about owner financing. \$29,900-\$39,900

GRAND VIEW ESTATES, BETHEL: Serenity, mountain views and spectacular sunsets await you at Grand View Estates. This newly designed subdivision, off the Intervale Road, minutes from the town of Bethel, is just waiting for you to build your ski vacation or year round home. Boasting views of Sunday River Ski Resort, the lots range in size from 1.1 acres to 1.9 acres. Don't wait to pick out a prime lot for your home. Call today for a viewing. Prices start at \$23,400.

RTE. 26, WOODSTOCK: Fourteen acres with convenient Rte. 26 location not too far from North Pond. It has 380 feet of road frontage, yet goes back into secluded acreage for that perfect spot to build your home. It's the best of both! \$39,900

RTE. 26, MERRIFIELD HILL WOODSTOCK: Close to town of Bryant Pond and close to the main route to Sunday River Resort (Rt. 26), this superb large tract of developable land has magnificent mountain views. Large parcels of good quality land such as these beautiful 116 acres are not easily found in this location! Come walk the lines to see the possibilities \$219,000

HAYES HILL RD, GREENWOOD: House lot with beautiful mountain views on quiet road is now available. This 11 acre lot has a gravel driveway that leads to some breathtaking scenery of the surrounding mountains. Start building your dream home or vacation getaway today. \$32,000

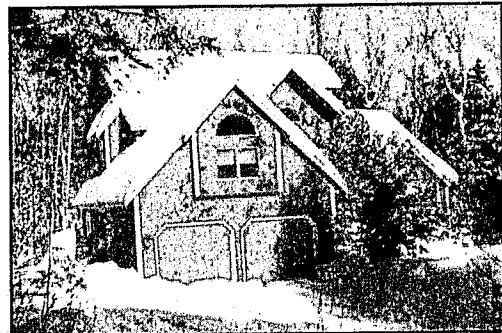
ROUTE 26 FRONTAGE, BETHEL: Highly visible, highly sought after commercial lot with 200 feet of main road frontage. Excellent location with great potential. Call for more details \$79,900

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STUNNING SUNDAY RIVER HOME

Beautifully maintained 5 bedroom, 3 bath home at Sunday River Ski Resort. Lockout with rental potential. Jacuzzi, Fireplace and wired for generator. \$699,000



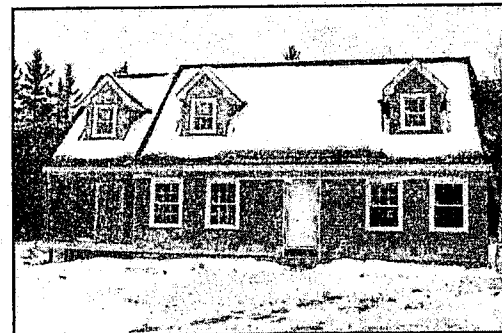
AMAZING LOG HOME AT POWDER RIDGE

This 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home with beautiful views of the Mahoosuc mountain range features unsurpassed British Columbian log construction. Warm and inviting open floor plan includes many special features including Fieldstone fireplace, granite counter tops and expansive windows. A 2-car garage, full basement and a state-of-the-art heating system round out this exceptional home. \$499,000



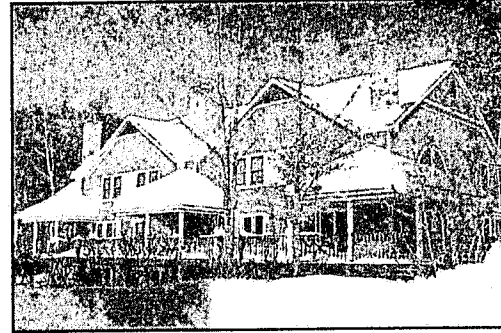
CUSTOM, BRIGHT CONTEMPORARY

Custom, bright contemporary home with expansive Sunday River and Mahoosuc mountain views. Beautiful double sided fireplace, 6 bedrooms, lock out apartment. Tastefully landscaped. A real find! \$849,000



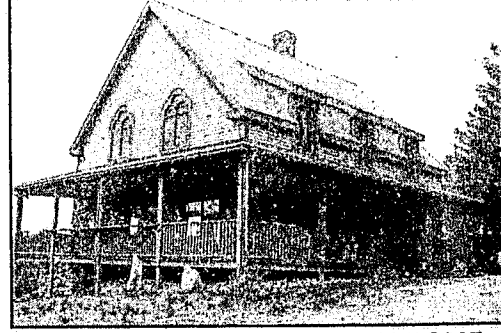
NEW HOME AT THE BASE OF SUNDAY RIVER

New 4 bedroom 2 1/2 bath home is located at the base of Sunday River Ski Resort and across the street from the Sunday River Inn & Cross Country Center in Red House Farm Village, a unique condominium community. This perfect gathering spot for family and friends has an open floor plan, live place, great room with cathedral ceiling and a spacious kitchen. An uninterrupted view of White Heat rounds out the special vacation or primary home. Amenities include cross country and snowshoe trails located in the Farm Loop, a small pond, and trolley service to Sunday River. \$329,000



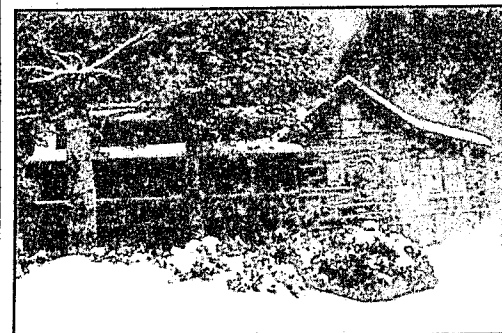
POWDER RIDGE CONDOMINIUM

Very desirable condominium located at Powder Ridge with wonderful views of Sunday River Ski Resort. Spacious three level unit with fireplace. Partially furnished. A must see! \$279,900



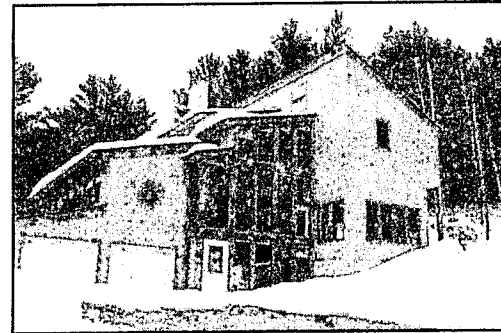
ATTRACTIVE CUSTOM BUILT HOME

Wonderful craftsmanship is displayed in this cape style home featuring an open floor plan, exposed beams, center fireplace and custom kitchen cabinetry. Expansive wrap around porch to enjoy the privacy and great mountain views. 6.5 acre lot. Charming guest cottage and a detached garage complete the package. \$239,000



CHARMING LOG HOME

Charming log home with large stone fireplace, beautiful mountain views, amazing stone walls and well established perennial gardens. Detached oversized 3 bay/6 car garage, heated with running water. Daylight, walkout basement. Pond partially set up for hydro electric power. \$359,000



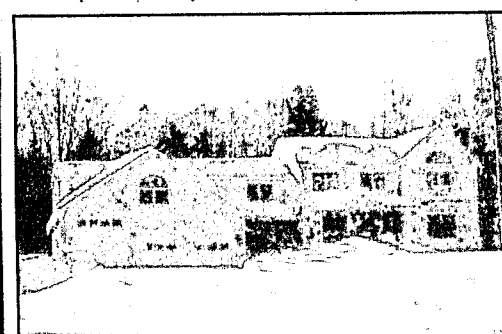
WELL-DESIGNED CONTEMPORARY

Privately situated on 13± acres, this home has a great layout featuring 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, a beautiful stone fireplace, hardwood flooring, large living / dining room, family room and study. Features both an attached and detached 2 car garage. \$179,900



SUN FILLED CAPE - RUMFORD CENTER

Sun filled Cape in wonderful condition on a nice 2± acre lot. Three bedrooms, two full baths, 2-car garage, enclosed breezeway. Fireplace. Attractively priced. \$159,000



CONVENIENT CONTEMPORARY HOME

Located close to the Village of Bethel, yet on a nice secluded lot on Paradise Road, this spacious five bedroom home has an efficiency apartment and many fine details. Formal dining room, living room with fireplace, sun room overlooking an above ground pool. Three car oversized garage. Farm pond. Nicely landscaped yard. \$399,000



PROMINENT HOME ON PARADISE HILL

Situated on over 2 acres with stunning western Maine mountain views. This hard to come by village home offers 5 oversized bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, custom black walnut kitchen cabinets, fireplace, hardwood floors and a screened in porch. \$429,000



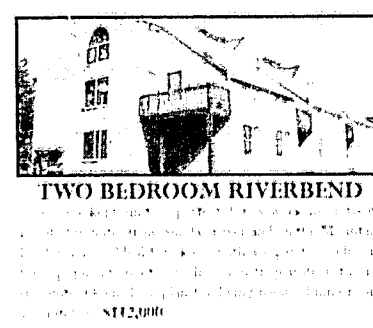
SUNSET FARM - A Bethel Landmark

Prominent Bethel landmark, built in 1826, has been lovingly restored and enhanced with two modern additions. Situated on 18± scenic acres with a farm pond, Androscoggin River frontage and unsurpassed views. A well designed floor plan featuring 6 fireplaces, 6 bedrooms, offices, formal dining and living rooms, den, family room. Two car garage, 10 stall barn.



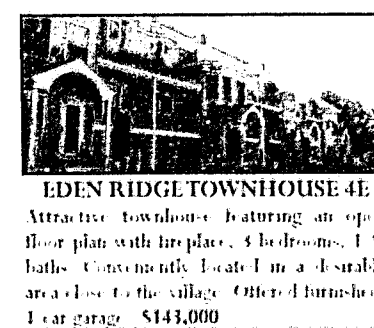
BETHEL INN FAIRWAY TOWNHOUSE

Two bedroom townhouse with full kitchen, living room, dining room, and bathroom. Located on a quiet street in the village of Bethel. \$129,000



TWO BEDROOM RIVERBEND

Two bedroom townhouse with full kitchen, living room, dining room, and bathroom. Located on a quiet street in the village of Bethel. \$129,000



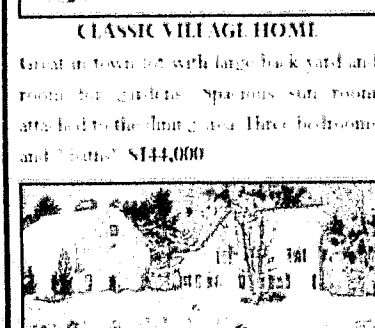
EDEN RIDGE TOWNHOUSE

Attractive townhouse featuring an open floor plan with fireplace, 4 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths. Conveniently located in a 4-unit area close to the village. Offered furnished. 1 car garage. \$143,000



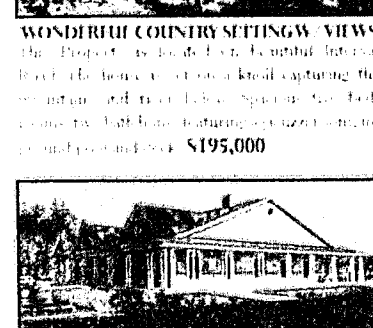
SKI CHALET - SUNDAY RIVER VIEWS

Located on the perfect weekend getaway. Home with 2 bedrooms, 2 full baths, full kitchen, full living room, full dining room, full bathroom, full laundry room, full storage room, full parking space. \$159,900



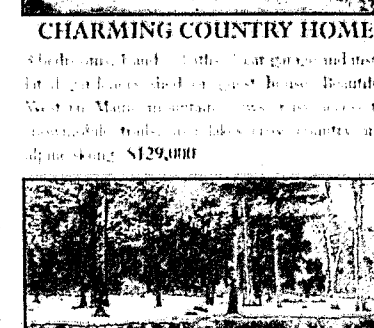
CLASSIC VILLAGE HOME

Great in town lot with large back yard and room for a garden. Spacious sun room attached to the main house. Three bedrooms and a bathroom. \$144,000



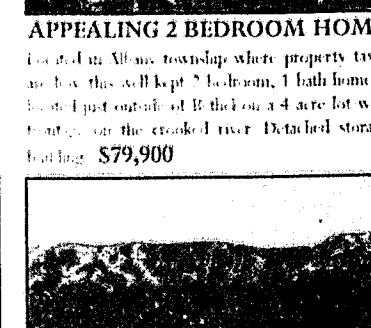
WONDERFUL COUNTRY SETTING VIEWS

Four bedroom, two full baths, full kitchen, full living room, full dining room, full bathroom, full laundry room, full storage room, full parking space. \$195,000



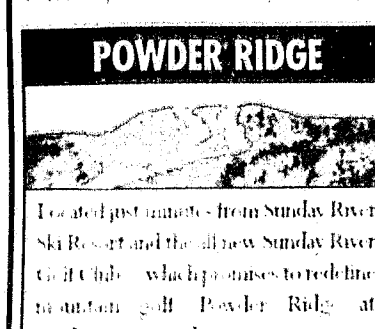
CHARMING COUNTRY HOME

Three bedroom, two full baths, full kitchen, full living room, full dining room, full bathroom, full laundry room, full storage room, full parking space. \$129,000



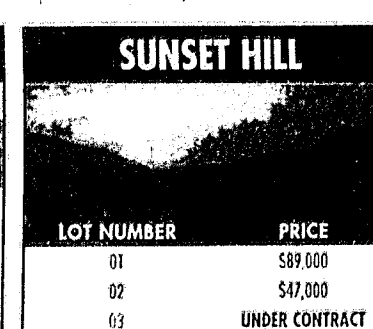
APPEALING 2 BEDROOM HOME

Located in Allam Township where property taxes are low. This well kept 2 bedroom, 1 bath home is located just outside of Bethel on a 4 acre lot with beautiful views of the Androscoggin River. Detached storage building. \$79,900



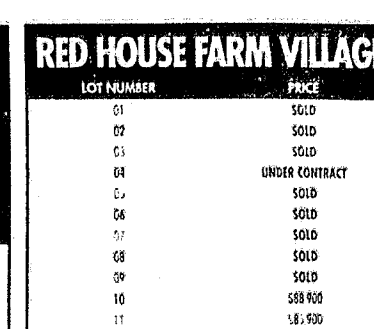
BRIAR HILL - INN & RESTAURANT

Located on a quiet street in the village of Bethel. \$149,000



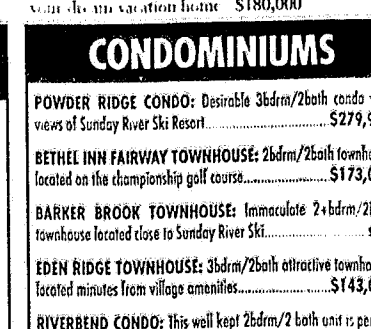
PARKWAY PROFESSIONAL BUILDING

Two bedroom townhouse with full kitchen, living room, dining room, and bathroom. Located on a quiet street in the village of Bethel. \$137,900



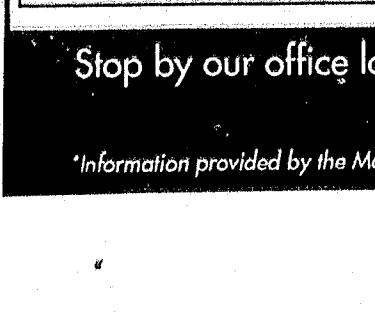
LOT EN-ROUTE TO SUNDAY RIVER

10.3± acres located en route to Sunday River Ski Resort in an area of other commercial properties. Two curb cuts, beautiful pine setting town water. \$149,000



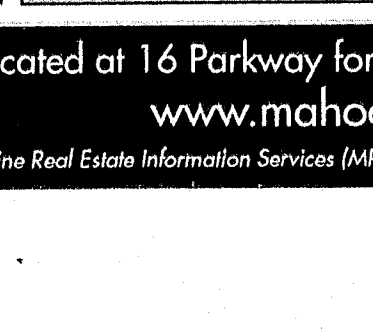
SUNDAY RIVER VIEW - POWDER RIDGE

Premier view lot located at desirable & well established Powder Ridge. Subdivision located just minutes from Sunday River Ski Resort. Unsurpassed views of the slopes can be enjoyed from this nicely elevated & easily accessible lot. An incredible spot for your dream vacation home. \$180,000



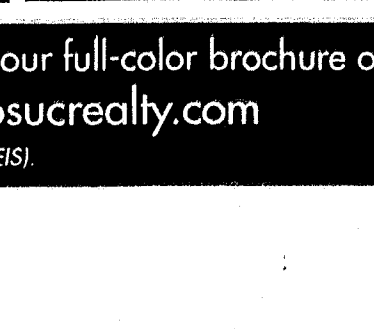
POWDER RIDGE

Located just minutes from Sunday River Ski Resort and the all new Sunday River lift chair, which provides a ride to the mountain golf course. Powder Ridge at Sunday River is the premier spot for your future vacation home or primary residence in the mountains. Call for availability and pricing.



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RED HOUSE FARM VILLAGE

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"HUNTER'S HAVEN": This authentic 5 bedroom - 3 & 1/2 bath log home is situated on over 600ft of waterfront on prestigious South Pond. Custom built, this property offers a spectacular kitchen as well as 2 great rooms each featuring stone hearths 11 ft wide. The property has a 2 car garage w/workshop or possible caretaker apt upstairs. Tucked away from the road this property affords maximum privacy. Offered at \$775,000



BETHEL: This authentic log home offers the best of both worlds. It could serve as the consummate ski house or great starter home. Enjoy close proximity to the Bethel Village yet easy access to the skiway. Offered at \$105,000

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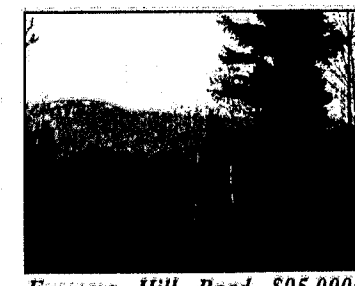
Exceptional 3 bdrm rental unit, five minutes from Sunday River! Property complete w/ sauna and a Jacuzzi tub. Enjoy the ambience of the fireplace after a day on the slopes.



STONEHAM: Spectacular log!! This charming log on ten acres affords masterful views of the White Mountains as well as Keweenaw Lake. Expansive decks invite entertaining and easy access to x-country trails as well as snowshoeing trails make this the ideal winter getaway! This property is only thirty minutes from Sunday River & Mt. Abram! Offered at \$225,000



THINK SNOW! Great 4 bdm ski home. Hop on lift w/out starting your car. Close to all swimming activities as well as mountain biking and skiing. Tons of rental potential. Offered at \$179,900



Farmers Hill Road \$95,000: Wonderful 17 acres of pine available with road frontage on Farmers Hill as well as frontage on Coburn Brook. Great rural yet private site for residential development that would afford easy access to Andover/Rumford area.

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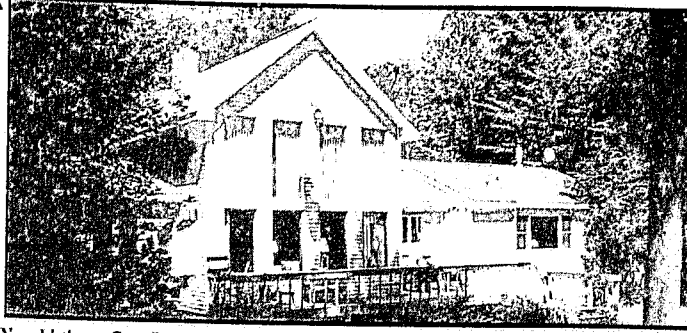
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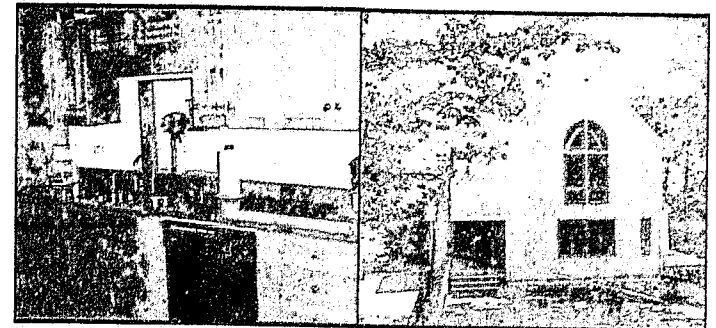
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New Listing - Goss Pond, Bethel: An Enchanting Picture Book Setting Is Sure To Dazzle Your Senses. Abounding in natural beauty w/215 +/- of pristine Goss Pond water frontage brilliantly sparkling in southern exposure overlooking dramatic views of nearby mountain ledges, this private wooded yard w/additional open fields bursting w/colorful perennials serves as the perfect locale for this Contemporary Chalet. Constructed in 1991, this Year Round Retreat boasts a wall full of windows to best enjoy its idyllic surroundings from within. Utilizing an open living concept w/GR & brick fireplace, adj. Kit, 1st flr Master Suite w/private bath, upper level BR & 2nd Bath, full basement w/laundry area, 1 car garage, outdoor Deck, screened Porch & Docks. Additionally, a newly constructed FR exhibits exceptional quality of construction enhanced by a striking color scheme & tasteful furnishings which are included throughout. Offered on 6 +/- lush acres. This Exceptional Getaway Is Sure To Sell Quickly At \$269,000!



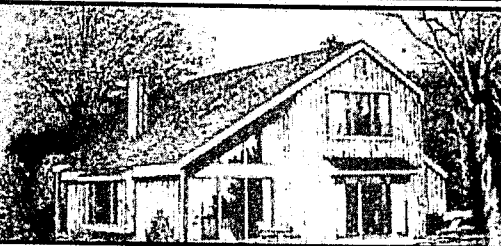
New Listing - Sunday River Village Slopeside Home: Are You In the Market For A Four Season Vacation Home? Then how about an elegant 5 Bedroom ski chalet situated in the most sought after of slope side communities? Featuring a beautiful Great Room basking in warm southerly exposure, the configuration of living easily accommodates large groups for fun no matter what the season. High, open ceiling, massive brick fireplace and hearth, impressive Kitchen with spacious island for seating, all-important entry room for sports gear. What More Could One Ask For In A Ski-Home?! \$539,000



Sunday River Village, Newry: This 4-Story Quality Post & Beam Home is sit'd in the most coveted of Villages at Sunday River Ski Resort. Offering ever-so-close to fab ski trails & numerous amenities in a well est'd, precedent-setting subdiv on a 1 +/- landscaped acre. You'll marvel at its spacious, open flr pl showcasing impressive p&b work, inventive window treatments, parquet flg & professional craftsmanship. Showcasing a striking GR w/adjoming DR, 2nd stry balcony, 5 BRs, lg upper lvl Loft Area, 3 Baths, Game Room, Hot Tub, Sauna, Deck, Porch, Nooks & Crannies. The Ultimate in Accommodations Awaits! \$599,000

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New Listing - Bird Hill Road: A Fetching Contemporary Chalet located on a coveted hill only minutes to area skiways and waterways. What a great place to be situated for four season fun! 3 Bedrooms, 1 1/2 Baths, Full, Finished Basement and Woodstove. Affordably Priced At \$159,000!



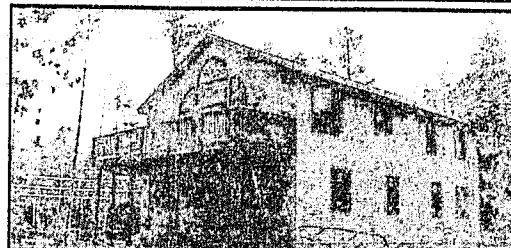
Lake Christopher: Offering over 500' of prime waterfrontage on 1 +/- ac w/ dazzling westerly exposure, you'll enjoy a small sandy beach area & protected cove w/gradual entry to the lake. A wrap-around deck serves as a summertime living space & accesses an open living concept int. LR, Kit, 3 BRs, 3 Baths incl a private Master Suite & full daylight basement for expansion possibilities, you're sure to be impressed with the quality and details displayed. \$439,900



PRICE REDUCED - Goss Pond, Bethel: A Lovingly Constructed 1994 Chalet sits at the edge of Goss Pond encompassing over 200' of waterfront incl of a sandy beach. Silhouetted by a mtn backdrop, country woodlands, & the beauty of a reflective pond, this 3 BR Home offers a convenient 1 BR in-law dwelling. A det'd 2-Car Gar completes this offering. Canoe, Rowboat, Paddleboat, Kayak, Ice Skate & Hike up Little Egypt Mtn while being sit'd only mins to SR & Mt Abram Ski Resorts, & Bethel Vill. Don't Miss Out - \$229,900!



Route 2, Hanover: Formerly known as the Joshua R. Howard Farm, circa 1880, this large majestic structure is most prominently sit on highly trafficked Route 2 only 3 +/- miles to the Sunday River Road. An Entrepreneur's Dream in terms of prime location on 4.2 +/- acres, it boasts glorious Androsqueen River & expansive mt views. This rambling farmhouse offers 2 huge barns, 6-7 BRs, an ELK, adj DR & LR which have been newly restored w/a striking Victorian color scheme in warm shades offsetting gleaming newly sanded wooden floors. \$298,000



New Listing - Will View Subdivision: A Spacious New 2300 +/- square foot Contemporary Chalet Has Been Constructed on a beautifully scenic parcel in coveted Will View Subdivision. Located 5 mins to SR Ski Resort, this highly skilled developer-built home will be comprised of a very large GR w/high ceilings & impressive windows, 4 BRs, a FR, 2 Baths & wrap-around deck. Sit amidst aromatic pines & white birch. What A Dream Come True! \$249,000

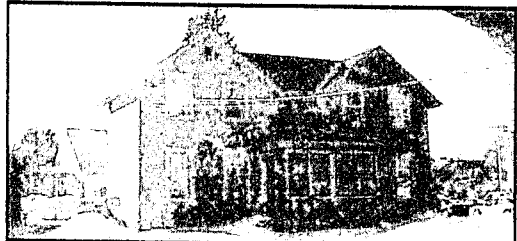


Paradise Street: An exquisitely unique property exhibiting a carefully thought out merger of balance. On One Side - A spacious yet soothing contemporary accessed by a uniquely hand crafted door. Enter it's walls & be amazed by high ceilinged spaces w/artistically placed windows which frame to scenic surroundings. On The Other Side - Find a cool stately traditional in-law apt. enveloped by over 100' of meandering deck area. What an Opportunity at \$214,000!



Main Street, Bethel: The Victoria Inn, a jewel of a Queen Ann, circa 1895, is perhaps the finest work of contractor, Gilbert Tuell. Displaying the many assets of vintage Victoriana, its 2 +/- stories w/ ext ell & lg barn offer bay windows, elab trimwork, rich wood stair wells & flrs. A 1st story porch w/delicate spindlework, patterned shingles & a round corner tower. Ren thruout, visitors are welcomed to warm hospitality & yesteryear's opulence. 15 guest rms-suites, 50+ seat restaurant, manicured grounds - offered LS & B \$999,000

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Bethel: Entrepreneurs Take Note... The commercial possibilities are limitless! Adjacent to Bethel Station, this spacious 4 Bedroom Village home presents a wonderfully accommodating interior in meticulous "clean-as-a-whistle" condition with exceptional spiral staircase in front foyer, separate 1 Bedroom apartment, 2-car garage, considerable front yard and prime visibility for your commercial aspirations. \$169,000

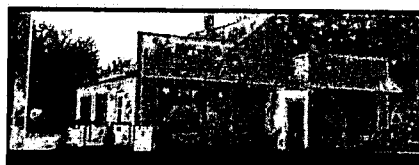


PRICE REDUCED- Bethel Village: This revered turn-of-the-century farmhouse is sit upon a prime in-town locale lending itself to innumerable possibilities including residential, vacation, home occupation or commercial ventures. Its classic floorplan offers a sunny glassed-in porch, country kitchen, DR, LR w/ fireplace, 3 BRs, 3 Baths & much more. Fenced in grassy back yard area and new heating system. All this for \$159,000

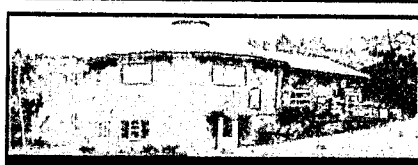
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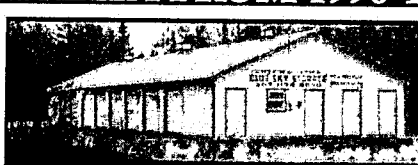
Lowell Brook ~ \$179,000



Bethel ~ \$289,900



Woodstock ~ \$179,000



Bethel ~ \$139,900



East "B" Hill Rd. ~ \$199,000



Sunday River Village ~ \$699,000



Coombs Village ~ \$139,900



Waterfronts ~ \$259,900



Goss Pond, Bethel ~ \$279,000



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Upton ~ \$189,000



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Bethel ~ \$284,000



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Fall Line N108 at Sunday River Ski Resort: Sleep 6 capacity 1 bedroom unit at coveted Fall Line condominium complex. Offering use of indoor heated pool, saunas, hot tub, 2 rec. rooms and fantastic trailside access for all level of skiers. The only unit we currently have listed, won't last at \$69,900!

New Listing - North Peak II-111: A Very Rare Find - This ski-in, ski-out slope side condominium at Sunday River Ski Resort won't be available for long. 2 Bedrooms, Great Room, fully furnished, EXCELLENT ACCESS to South Ridge Base Lodge and the Peak Area. \$119,000

SUNDAY RIVER SKI-IN/SKI-OUT CONDOS:	II-A-301 1 Bdrm/1 Bath SOLD
	II-A-304 1 Bdrm/1 Bath SOLD
	II-A-311 1 Bdrm/1 Bath SOLD
BROOKSIDE BUILDING I	II-B-105 1 Bdrm/1 Bath SOLD
II-B-202 2 Bdrm/1 Bath SOLD	II-B-207 Studio/1 Bath SOLD
II-A-203 2 Bdrm/1 Bath SOLD	II-A-316 1 Bdrm/1 Bath SOLD
II-A-403 2 Bdrm/1 Bath SOLD	CASCADES
II-B-405 2 Bdrm/1 Bath SOLD	B-16 Studio/1 Bath SOLD
II-B-408 2 Bdrm/1 Bath SOLD	A-18 1 Bdrm/1 Bath SOLD
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II-B-202 2 Bdrm/1 Bath SOLD	C-7 1 Bdrm/1 Bath SOLD
BROOKSIDE BUILDING II	LOCKE MOUNTAIN
II-B-109 1 Bdrm/1 Bath PENDING	D-3 4 Bdrm/3 1/2 Baths \$775,000
II-A-213 Studio/1 Bath SOLD	FALL LINE
II-A-208 Studio/1 Bath SOLD	N-108 1 Bdrm/1 Bath \$69,900
II-B-203 1 Bdrm/1 Bath SOLD	N-214 1 Bdrm/1 Bath SOLD
II-B-213 Studio/1 Bath SOLD	E-205 1 Bdrm/1 Bath SOLD
II-A-109 1 Bdrm/1 Bath SOLD	N-106 1 Bdrm/1 Bath SOLD
II-B-107 1 Bdrm/1 Bath SOLD	W-115 1 Bdrm/1 Bath SOLD
II-B-310 1 Bdrm/1 Bath SOLD	N-207 1 Bdrm/1 Bath SOLD
II-B-201 Studio/1 Bath SOLD	W-209 1 Bdrm/1 Bath SOLD

S-101 1 Bdrm/1 Bath SOLD	NORTHPEAK
E-116 1 Bdrm/1 Bath SOLD	II-111 2 Bdrm/1 Bath \$119,000
S-208 1 Bdrm/1 Bath SOLD	II-309 2 Bdrm/1 Bath SOLD
N-212 1 Bdrm/1 Bath SOLD	I-203 2 Bdrm/1 Bath SOLD
S-215 1 Bdrm/1 Bath SOLD	I-107 2 Bdrm/1 Bath SOLD
S-206 1 Bdrm/1 Bath SOLD	I-211 2 Bdrm/1 Bath SOLD
W-203 1 Bdrm/1 Bath SOLD	MERRILL BROOK
W-109 1 Bdrm/1 Bath SOLD	2-E 2 Bdrm/1 Bath SOLD
C-2 2 Bdrm/2 Baths SOLD	WHITE CAP
E-3 2 Bdrm/2 Baths SOLD	B-218 1 Bdrm/1 Bath SOLD
B-4 1 Bdrm/1 Bath SOLD	A-402 1 Bdrm/1 Bath SOLD
A-6 3 Bdrm/1 1/2 Baths SOLD	A-205 1 Bdrm/1 Bath SOLD
I-4 2 Bdrm/2 Baths SOLD	JORDAN GRAND QUARTERSHARE
D-1 4 Bdrm/2 Baths SOLD	251-D Studio/1 Bath \$30,000
L-1 3 Bdrm/2 Baths SOLD	136-C 1 Bdrm/1 Bath \$32,000
B-6 3 Bdrm/2 Baths SOLD	340-250-C 2 Bdrm/2 Baths \$39,900
I-1 3 Bdrm/2 Baths SOLD	123-A 2 Bdrm/2 Baths \$90,000
SUNRISE	240-242/244-A 3 Bdrm/3 Baths \$119,000
C-133 1 Bdrm/1 Bath SOLD	GRAND SUMMIT QUARTERSHARE
C-128 1 Bdrm/1 Bath SOLD	121-C Studio/1 Bath \$16,000
A-111 1 Bdrm/1 Bath SOLD	
A-114 1 Bdrm/1 Bath SOLD	

101-B 1 Bdrm/1 Bath \$29,000	LUXURIOUS TOWNHOMES
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188/190-C 2 Bdrm/2 Baths \$40,000	#11 2 Bdrm/1 Bath SOLD
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260/262-A 2 Bdrm/2 Baths \$39,900	BETHEL INN FAIRWAY TOWNHOME
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	CHAMBERLAIN CONDOMINIUMS
	#B-22 2 Bdrm/1 Bath \$89,900
	RIVERBEND
	#1 1 Bdrm/1 Bath \$64,900
	#33 2 Bdrm/1 Bath \$115,000
	#9 1 Bdrm/1 Bath SOLD
	#15 2 Bdrm/1 Bath SOLD
	SUNDAY RIVER ESTATES
	#1 3 Bdrm/2 Baths \$149,900
	#2 3 Bdrm/2 Bath SOLD



New Listing - Bethel Inn Fairway Townhouse #558-559: A Rare Find...This 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath Corner Unit is in Immaculate, Move In Condition boasting new carpeting, attractive furnishings, additional end windows & convenient lock-out feature. Beautiful westerly sunsets, mountain vistas & good rental history. An Exceptional Value at \$184,900

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Obituaries



BRUCE ALVIN THURLOW
Bruce Alvin Thurlow, 54, of Woodstock, died suddenly Dec. 23, 2003 in Rockville, Conn.

He was born in Norway on May 17, 1949, the son of Leslie and Patricia (Baker) Thurlow. He was educated in local schools and graduated from Woodstock High School Class of 1967, where he was active in sports, playing baseball and basketball. He later played baseball with the Pine Tree League. After graduating he joined the Army and served from 1968 to 1971, serving in Germany and Vietnam.

He loved life, was an avid outdoorsman and loved to hunt and fish as well as snowmobiling and traveling. In his younger years he was a member of the 4-H and showed his animals at all the local fairs. He especially enjoyed the time he spent with his grandparents Myrte and Arthur Thurlow.

Bruce had worked at several local businesses including Hadley Excavation, Andover Wood Products, Don Mason Excavating, Speedway Inc., and at the time of his death was with Schiavi Leasing.

He is survived by his parents of Woodstock; his wife, Kathleen of Woodstock; one daughter, Tina Marie Hall of Knobnoster, Mo.; one brother, Mark Thurlow and his wife Kim of Woodstock; two sisters, Lesley Hewitt and her husband William of Seabrook, N.H. and Lisa Thurlow of Woodstock; three grandchildren, Lindsay Bean, Jordan

**In Loving Memory of
Errol Donahue, Sr.**
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God saw you getting tired and cure was not to be. So he put his arms around you and whispered "come to me". A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands at rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us he only takes the best.

We Love You,
Howard, Ruth & Family

Bean and Caleb Hall; two nephews, Jonah Thurlow and Neil Thurlow of Woodstock; two nieces, Kara Thurlow of Woodstock and Heather Hewitt of Seabrook, N.H.; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Relatives and friends are invited to call at the Andrews Funeral Home on Thursday, Jan. 1 from 5 to 9 p.m. Funeral services will be held at the Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Church on Friday at 1 p.m. Burial will be in the Wayside Cemetery, West Paris. Memorials in his name may be made to the Bruce Thurlow Memorial Fund, c/o Androscooggin Bank, 170 Main Street, South Paris, ME 04281, for the benefit of his grandchildren's education.

FLORENCE M. MELVILLE
Florence "Sally" May Melville, 62, of Greenwood, died Dec. 23, 2003 at her residence following a long illness.

She was born in Fryeburg on April 18, 1941, the daughter of Herbert and Sabra (Buswell) Kimball. She was a homemaker most of her life, was dedicated to her family and loved to do picture puzzles and was known in the area for her homemade doughnuts.

She had been past president of the Greenwood Fire Department Auxiliary and a member for over 30 years.

She is survived by her husband of 39 years, Gary Melville of Greenwood; one son, Jay; and two daughters, Donna Melville and Veronica Penley and her husband Brian all of Greenwood; one brother, Edward Kimball of Buckfield; and two grandchildren, Karyn Penley and Jannell Penley both of Greenwood.

Graveside funeral services will be held in the spring at Lakeside Cemetery, Bryant Pond.

GWENDOLYN G. CURRIER
Gwendolyn G. Currier, 78, went to be with the Lord on Dec. 24, 2003, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born in Bethel on June 10, 1925, the daughter of Frank P. and Gladys Spiney Chapman. She resided in Bethel for many years prior to moving to Oxford. She graduated from New Hampshire Vocational-Technical College.

Card of Thanks

To all of you - family and friends who took the time out of this very busy holiday season to surprise us on our 40th wedding anniversary. Thank you so much. You all made it a very special day.

Love to all,
Peter & Darlene

earning a Licensed Practical Nursing degree. She worked at Rumford Community Hospital for many years and later became an EMT with the Bethel Rescue Service and served as the treasurer. She also worked as a nurse at the Gould Academy Infirmary.

She held a lecturer position with the Paris Grange, was a member of the Eleanor Gordon Guild and of the Bethel Methodist Church and was a member of the Rebekah Lodge in Bethel.

Her hobbies included sewing, playing beano and spending time with her many friends.

Survivors include three daughters, Lillian and her husband Don Franks of Pittsburgh, Pa., Grace St. Hilaire of Lewiston, and Judith and her husband Brad Barker of Bethel; two sons, John and his wife Alta of Oxford and Gregory of Sumner; a brother, Raymond Chapman of Gil-ead; 10 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, John, in 1991; three brothers, Ernest, Harold, and Robert; and a sister, Annie (Sweatt) Niles.

A Memorial Service was held at Bethel Methodist Church on Tuesday, Dec. 30. Burial will take place at Mt. Will Cemetery, Bethel, in the spring. Donations may be made in her memory to the Bethel Rescue Service, P.O. Box 1550, Bethel, ME 04217-1550.

ROY EDMUND FOWLER

Roy Edmund Fowler, 80, husband of Tyne (Waisenen) Fowler, died peacefully at his home with his loving family at his side on Dec. 24, 2003.

He was born in Newport, N.H., on Sept. 29, 1923, the son of Roy Edmund and Myrtle (Corey) Fowler Sr.

He was a U.S. Army veteran having served in the European Theatre with the 825th tank destroyer battalion from 1941 to 1946. For the last 23 years he owned and operated Fowlers Small Engine and Tool Sharpening of West Paris.

In his younger years, he was a scoutmaster in Sunapee, N.H. He was a life member of the VFW and DAV and a member of the American Legion as well as a member of the North American Hunting Club and the NRA.

He is survived by his wife of 25 years of West Paris; two sons, Roger E. of Newport, N.H. and Robert E. of Claremont, N.H.; one daughter, Elizabeth Anne LaRocque of Claremont, N.H.; one brother, Carl Fowler of California; a half brother, Wilfred Leslie

of Orange, Mass.; one sister, Dorothy Whippie of Orange, Mass., and two half sisters, Ruth Hastings of Sunapee, N.H., and Pearl Gagne of Southington, Conn.; seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Andrews Funeral Home, Bryant Pond, on Sunday, Dec. 28, with the Rev. Lloyd Waterhouse officiating. Burial will be at Gracelawn Memorial Park, Auburn.

MAYNARD L. HAZELTON

Maynard Lewis Hazelton, age 76, died at his home in West Covina, Calif., Thursday, Dec. 25, 2003.

He was born in South Paris on Nov. 10, 1927. He was the son of Priscilla Bean and Lewis Hazelton. He lived in the Greenwood area for several years with his wife, Mary, and his children until moving to California in 1964.

He loved his family and watching sports on TV, especially the Red Sox and Patriots. He served in the U.S. Maritime Service and the U.S. Army.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Mary of West Covina, Calif., his five children, daughter Joy and husband Jim Harding of Colorado; son Gary Fuller and wife Esther of Greenwood; daughter Linda and husband John Kundrath of California; daughter Susan and husband Joel Gelfand of California; son Tom Hazelton and wife Lisa of California; 13 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and his sister Katie and her husband Peter Pacholski of Norway.

Memorial services will be held Jan. 3, at Rose Hills in California. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to: VNA & Hospice of Southern California, 150 West First Street, Ste. 270, Claremont, CA 91711-0908.

BEVERLY JUNE ANDREWS

Beverly June Andrews, 62, of 89 Tuelltown Road in West Paris died, after a long illness, Thursday, Dec. 25, 2003 at Parkview Adventist Medical Center, Brunswick, surrounded by her husband and children.

Born June 16, 1941, in West Paris, the daughter of Lawrence and Grace (Skillings) Yates, she attended school in South Paris and graduated from Paris High School in 1959. She married Arden L. Andrews of West Paris on Oct. 2 of that same year.

During her early, married life she worked alternately at various shoe shops in Norway and as a homemaker. After that she was a longtime employee of Norway National Bank where she processed

bank instruments. Then, for more than 20 years, she was employed by C.N. Brown Co. of South Paris; first as an office clerk, later rising to the level of office manager. During the last years of her life she owned and operated her own business, J. B. Andrews Co., in which she designed, manufactured and marketed unique garden trellises to a nationwide clientele.

She was a former Cub Scout den mother and Girl Scout leader in her lifelong hometown of West Paris. She also helped coach the girl's softball team for that town at one time. She loved to travel and made trips to England, Bermuda and throughout the United States with her family.

A devoted mother and loving wife, she took time to enjoy gardening and her grandchildren in her final years. She knew the restorative power of growing beautiful flowers and creating beautiful garden spaces. Her family and friends will miss her deeply.

She is survived by her loving husband of 43 years, Arden L. Andrews; a son, James Andrews and his wife Claire of Farmington; two daughters, Bethany Curtis and her husband David of Lewiston and Jennifer Andrews of Brunswick; four grandchildren, Bailey Curtis, Kyla Curtis, Grace Andrews and Benjamin Andrews; two sisters, Eva "Polly" Durant of Otisfield and Hilda Yates of West Paris; two brothers, David Yates and Alvin Yates both of West Paris; and her mother, Grace Yates of West Paris.

Funeral Services were held on Monday, Dec. 29, at the Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Church with Joe Perham officiating.

EDDA MAY CARVER

Edda May Carver, 74, of St. Augustine, Fla., formerly of Bethel, died Dec. 30, 2003, at Flagler Hospital in St. Augustine.

Born in Rumford, she was Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer of Newton & Tebbets, Inc. in West Bethel, and had lived in St. Augustine since her retirement in 1990.

She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, and a Past Matron in Bethel. Her hobbies included making stained-glass fixtures, quilting and sewing, and gardening. She enjoyed her retirement in Florida and Maine, and especially enjoyed family visits, outings with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and walks on

the beach.

Edda was noted for her gracious hospitality.

She is survived by her husband, Harold E. Carver of St. Augustine; daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Robert Gilbert of Wilton; sons and daughters-in-law, Harold E. Jr. and Judy Carver of Brunswick, Lloyd and Melanie Carver and Barry and Claire Carver, both of Bethel; sisters, Marilyn Kneller of Stuart, Fla., Maryann Brown of Morganton, Ga., and Darlene Hayden of Mexico; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 3 in the chapel of the Craig Funeral Home in St. Augustine, with the Rev. Dr. Patrick Turner-Sharpton, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home from 4 until 6 p.m. Friday. A memorial service will be held at a later date in Bethel. Flowers are gratefully declined, and those wishing may make a donation in her memory to the Shriners' Hospitals for Children, 12502 North Pine Dr., Tampa, FL 33612-9499.

ABIGAIL GILL BUSWELL

Abigail Mary Buswell, 82, of Bethel, died in Norway on Dec. 31, 2003.

She was born in Greenwood on Sept. 21, 1921, the daughter of John and Florence Gill. She was educated in local schools and graduated from Gould Academy and later attended Fannie Farmer School of Cooking in Boston. She married Eugene Buswell in 1950; he died in 1988.

Abigail was a member of the OES, American Legion Auxiliary and Rebekah Lodge, all of Bethel and a member of the Grange. She had been a foster mother for many years. She was a friend to everybody she met. She enjoyed her family, friends and especially her grandchildren.

She is survived by two sons, Harry John and his wife Wanda of Conway, N.H., and Paul and his wife Eulalie of Oxford; three daughters, Alison Crowell and her husband Wilbur of Bethel, Brenda Stevens and her husband Harry of West Paris, and Nancy Buswell of Norway; 15 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are invited to call at the Greenleaf Funeral Home, 37 Vernon Street, Bethel on Friday evening, Jan. 2 from 6 to 8 p.m. Funeral services will be held at the Bethel Alliance Church on Saturday at 10 a.m. with the Rev. Arthur Cotton officiating. Memorials in her memory may be made to the Bethel Rescue, Bethel, ME 04217 or to the Shriners' Hospital, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104-2396.

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Did You Know?

Recent studies suggest that if parents do not proactively discuss with their children their expectations for youth abstinence, children will simply model parental drinking behavior and peer norms will also fill the void.

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